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public forum input (on matters not on that night's agenda), combined with comments on consent calen-dar items, has been limited to 30

minutes.

Mayor Jellison said interested speakers who didn't get a chance to talk could then speak after the meeting, as long as the meeting of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency (which follows) could then begin in the speaker of the speaker of

Opposition to the three-minute limitation was expressed vigorously by a half-dozen speakers, all of whom regularly address the council, most often questioning or objecting to its policies and decisions. Some speakers believe the change is prompted by a hidden motive.

Anne Delehunt, for example, sees the justification that the change is "an invocent attempt to stream-

is "an innocent attempt to stream-line meetings" as "a complete

sham." She believes the council is attempting to quiet those residents who have been questioning the "financial justification" for various plans and projects.

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"... You won't silence the people you want to," she said later, warn-ing the council that some more shy See THREE, page 16

Measure to fund paramedics OK'd for June 3 ballot

Tax will need 2/3 voter approval

ALBANY—With nary an objection, the city council Monday night placed a measure on the June 3 ballot to reauthorize the city's Emergency Medical Services assessment by a 4-0 vote.

The assessment, \$30.84 per home, generates approximately \$220,000 per year so that the fire department can keep two paramedics, with their own ambulance, on call at the fire station 24 hours a day. Because of recent interpretacall at the fire station 24 hours a day. Because of recent interpretations of Prop. 218, the "Right to Vote on Taxes Act," Albany's EMS assessment is now considered a "special tax" which must be reauthorized by two-thirds of city voters.

The ballot measure was submit-

The ballot measure was submitted of the fast track because the deadline for doing so is Friday. It would reauthorize the existing assessment and involves no new taxes for city residents. Alameda County, and many other cities, have done the same in recent weeks.

If the ballot measure fails to gain two-thirds approval, the city would either have to reallocate money from other programs or use county ambulance services. While Albany paramedics respond within three minutes or less of a call being received, county ambulances have up to 10 minutes to arrive at the scene.

heart stops, they have approximately four minutes before their chances of survival drop dramatically, he said. When choking, a person has two or three minutes before they lose consciousness. Their heart would stop beating around four minutes after that.

With all the gusto of a city on a mission to do good, the council and

with all the gusto of a city of a mission to do good, the council and audience members banded together to support the ballot measure. While council response was minimal (the issue was aired thoroughly at a meeting two weeks ago.) a handful of city residents showed up to sup-

port the assessment.

Among those speaking in favor was Albany resident Judy Mason, who recently found herself in the spotlight on the front page of the Oakland Tribune. Mason has had four, life-threatening but unexplained allergic reactions in the last four years which could easily have

See PARAMEDICS, page 16

Plans foggy for 11-acre parcel on Eastshore

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—With the timidity of a swimmer testing cold water, the Albany Reinvestment Agency held an informational meeting Monday night on the proposed redevelopment of the Cleveland Avenue/ Eastshore Highway area.

The agency, also known as the City Council, held its second meeting since the November election as it continued moving slowly down the road to reinvestment.

If the agency decides to go forward with the plan, which would involve development of the 11-acre former Alcan Aluminum site on Eastshore Highway, action will most likely occur in the "next couple months" said Daren Fields, the agency's executive director.

The plan to redevelop the Cleveland Avenue/Eastshore Highway area was devised by the previous council, which cited it as a long-term means of generating additional revenue.

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revenue. With two meetings now under theirbelt, the current council/agency members have yet to show their colors as to whether they will go forward with the plan or not. Monday's meeting was scheduled because one held last month did not prove long enough to answer agency members' questions, Fields said. Talk of what would happen if a proposed business were

swer agency members questions, Fields said. Talk of what would happen if a proposed business were to fail inched toward the front burner, a scenario which, agency members learned, would not effect the city's General Fund.

The agency would have to borrow \$125,000 from the fund to get the ball rolling on redevelopment, however. One scenario listed in an analysis of Albany redevelopment opportunities predicts the agency could accrue as much as \$25 million in additional property tax revenue, to be used within the project area, over a 45-year period.

The city's General Fund could also receive as much as \$150,000 a year in sales tax revenue from redevelopment, Fields said.

See EASTSHORE, page 16



Youth baseball comes out swingin

Baseball players from the El Cerrito Youth Baseball league trooped down Ashbury Boulevard last Saturday during their opening day parade, the biggest in the history of ECYB. The day's festivities included a barbecue, rock and roll provided by "The Free Agents" and a display of collector cars. The four-block long parade from El Cerrito High kicked off the day with the school's marching band, the Boy Scouts Color Guard, and local dignitaries joining in the fun.

Teen driving program gets green light

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Down but not out, the Chief Operator teen driving program picked itself up off the can vas Monday night when the City Council approved a \$67,000 federal grant.

While "Elvis and the Lawman" might be taking a hiatus for some time, their image shall live on as the council, by a 4-0 vote, approved a grant allowing the Police Department to teach other jurisdictions to administer the program themselves. The vote marks a direct about-face from that of the previous council

last November, which cited "creative financing" in a staff report by Police Chief Larry Murdo as one reason not to accept a \$100,000 grant, administered by the state Office of Traffic Safety.

Chief Operator involves a highly unorthodox approach in which Sgt. Bill "Elvis" Palmini and Sgt. Art Clemons appeared at schools nationwide as "Elvis and the Lawman," preaching traffic safety and encouraging teens to assign a designated driver. The program, in existence since November, 1992, was funded by more than \$660,000 in

Palmini and Clemons appeared to be on the highway to fame, receiving an honorary gold record and more than one spot on the evening news, their program ran into a road block last fall. The previous council,

Palmini

opposed.

The previous council also said they were distraught by the relationship between police and Albany youth, and directed Councilmember Bruce Mast to work with Murdo address their concerns. Four to address their concerns. Four drafts, a few meetings and a slough of phone calls later, the two managed to hammer out an acceptable proposal, which includes many more perks for the city's younger residents.

Among the new facets of the program: a pair of bicycle "rodeos," 200 free bicycle safety helmets for children, a middle school art contest which will include Albany Middle School, and a bicycle safety tip contest at local elementary schools. The winners of the contests will receive personalized baseball-style trading cards bearing their own likeness.

Chief Operator also now involves a sort of mentoring program in which the police department, instead of giving one performance and moving on, will teach other



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her "turning on a camera ng" might be one of the ys to give people an ef-a of what the city does." workshop Saturday was the most important thing ened this week in terms of

Pokorny believes Jellison, who called him with the idea of taping the workshop, then playing it during the normal rebroadcasting times for the city council, sees it as an

for the city council, sees it as an experiment.

"We're hoping for feedback from the ordinary citizens," he said.
"One, did anyone miss the council's being there? Two, if people are watching, how do they like seeing other kinds of things?"

In the past, some councilmembers, including Mae Ritz, have questioned whether the presence of a camera has negative impacts on public participation, intimidating some people, causing others to "play to the camera." to the camera.

to the camera."

This issue hasn't come up much recently, Pokorny said.

When the issue of televising council meetings comes up for formal discussion, funding questions may again be raised. In the past, Ritz had questioned that use of limited budget monies. (At the time the practice began, Cathie Kosel was also on the council; Kosel was opposed to using budget monies for

televising meetings and voted against the expenditure.)
Pokorny expects the issue to come up for formal council discussion after feedback is received.
Numbers are not available on how many residents watch government access programming in El Cerrito. Pokorny said the cable company's market penetration appears to be "disappointing to them" in El Cerrito. Pokorny said he has heard little discussion of that issue by councilmembers.

heard little discussion of that issue by councilmembers. Some cities have staff members hired, perhaps part-time, for more extensive cable programming, in-cluding commission meeting cov-erage and community calendar list-ings. Citizens committees may also have input. For El Cerrito, which only offers city council coverage, a private com-

For El Cerrito, which only offers city council coverage, a private company works the cable equipment under contract. Thus, the main cost is for personnel. Broadcasting costs must be provided to cities by the cable companies involved.

Saturday's workshop will be televised again this afternoon and tomorrow at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 10, and Sunday, March 17, at noon.

jurisdictions to administer traffic safety education themselves.

Also, one of the main bones of contention in the previous grant — more than \$54,000 to cover staff time so that the two sergeants might perform at 33 Bay Area High Schools — has been removed. While the previous version provided \$54,000 to cover half of the two officers staff time, an amount which the city was supposed to match, Murdo's staff report stated that only \$21,675.20 would be spent, allowing the rest of the money to be "contained within the General Fund not expended."

not expended."
Chris Murphy, grant program
manager for the OTS, said last fall
such a move would be illegal.
The current version has no provision for staff time. An additional
\$10,000 has been added to a proposed song-writing contest at 155
Bay Area high schools, with another\$10,000 in added promotional,
mailing and phone expenses.

while the last meeting on the issue turned out to be a long and, at times, tense affair as Murdo, Palmini

See DRIVING, page 10

The writer discredits himself

Editor:
In a letter to the Editor (Journai, Feb. 13) Norman
La Force complains bitterly about Sewell
Glinternick's message in the El Cerrito Chamber of
Commerce Byline. In his message, Glinternick
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quotes P.J. O'Rourke whom he accurately identifies as "one of today's most vocal conservative grouches." Still, when I read the passage, "they can make their mark on politics because the whole idea of politics is to achieve power without possessing merit," Norman la Force came immediately to mind.

I was sure he would respond and was not disappointed. But, I was surprised. Surprised because instead of rebuttal, and there was sufficient room for such, La Force goes into the gutter and engages in the most insidious form of racism. The kind where self-nobelizing politicians who are weak on the merits,

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ally and falsely interpret a word or phrase to nanufac ture a racial slur where present or

La Force employs this cow-ardly tactic by trying to O'Rourke's

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"tofu twinks" a racial slur equivalent to the "N" word. He fails miserably. And, as with his apparent mentor Richard Nixon, the Pathetic attempt discredits the accuser more effectively than his detractors ever

could.

However, this is not the first time La Force has manufactured an issue through distortion and manipulation. He did the same thing to get reelected. In that instance La Force pushed a blatantly self-serving motion regarding the Del Norte Mega Theater before the Sierra Club's Transportation Committee. It was soundly rejected and the defeat was mentioned in a political flyer put out by his opponent, Tom Stark. In doing this, the Stark flyer carefully avoided the word "policy" because a Sierra Club policy has to have Conservation and Executive committee approvals.

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Since the motion was rejected at the Transportation Committee level, this had not happened. But, La Force knew he needed an issue to win the election. So, he intentionally misinterpreted Stark's flyer and instituted the word 'policy' with full knowledge that the required approvals were not in place. He then attacked Mr. Stark for making false statements about Sierra Club policies. La Force even said Mr. Stark lied, all the time knowing that his own manipulation of the words constituted the real deceit.

As if this weren't enough, he then seduced the President of the S. F. Bay Area Chapter into putting out a letter on Sierra Club stationery to ostensibly authenticate the deceit. This action offended Club members who knew the truth. But, it all happened so close to the election no time was left for the real facts to come out. So, the name calling worked, just like his branding any Club member who opposed him as an "anti-environmentalist."

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him as an "anti-environmentalist."
Such self-serving abuse of Club affiliations has caused dissension within the organization and diminished its standing, membership participation and effectiveness. The present situation in Albany is an example. Many at the local chapter level are working hard to mend the damage, but it isn't easy when questionable practices by politicians associated with the Club continue.

So, here we are again having to deal with La Force's use of distorted context and manipulative interpretations to characterize Sewell Glinternick as a racist, just as he has with many other opponents

a racist, just as he has with many other opponents (e.g. Peter Loubal). He then has the gall to ask for apology. I agree that apologies are in order. La Force should first apologize to Glinternick for the intentionally false spin he put on O'Rourke's term "foft twicks".

He should then apologize to Mr. Stark and all the hard working environmentalists and Sierra Club members that supported him (and, opposed La Force in spite of the endorsement he finagled from the

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Political Cor. ittee). Then, for all the three n restrictions he placed on dissenting speakers, for all his insults he has thrown at citizens while hiding behind his elected chair, and for all the divisiveness he has created, Mr. La Force should go door to door throughout the community and apologize to anyone that will answer.

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As far as Glinternick is concerned, I think he both as a surface of prevailing the should be sense of prevailing the should be sense of prevailing. As far as Ginternick is concerned, I think he both captured and expressed the sense of prevailing frustration in our commercial community. He should be commended on the vigor and clarity of his message. It seems that the Chamber of Commerce is, at long last, taking a position and demonstrating something other than the spineless whimperings of "lava lamp Luddites" (whatever that means).

D. L. Dam

Credibility standing of -9

Editor: Norman La Force has done it again, by calling the kettle black, he is assuming to be the pot. He reads and hears what he alone interprets as being said asthe spoken word. Mr. Glinternick quoted from a book he read and wrote what that writer had written. Talk about credibility, he of all people should never raise this question. Mr. La Force's credibility among the great majority of citizens in El Cerrito stands at minus nine. No elected official that has ever sat in a chair in El Cerrito has used his legalese.

stands at minus nine. No elected official that has ever sat in a chair in El Cerrito has used his legalese to confuse and confound the citizens more than he.

Once again he goes off and this time he shows that he is thin-skinned. The Sierra Club that pays his salary wants to drain Lake Powell and have Glen Canyon revert back to what it was. What about the thousands that depend upon this resource for drinking and irrigation water and the many sportsmen that enjoy the recreational aspects of Lake Powell?

How about Desolation Valley and the protests by How about Desolation valuey and the process of the Sierra Club over charging a day permit for hikers? What about the invitation of Sierra Club directors to give their opinion on future development plans for our city? If ever a non-profit organization should have their non-taxable status removed, that is the organization. Don't talk to me about credibility Mr. La Force

Time to dispel misinformation

(The Journal received a copy of this letter to Molly Reagan from City Attorney Robert Zweben.)
I saw your Dec. 6 letter to the Albany City Council and read it again in the Journal's Letters to the Editor on Dec. 26, Since the City Council knows the difference between fact and fiction, I felt no need to respond to your impertinent and libelous remarks in the Dec. 6 letter. Now that you decided to try to misinform the public, I want to say a few things to you directly.

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Your letter is remarkably similar to several others written by a select group of persons who are trying to vilify and intimidate public officials. As it happens, I've represented our city for almost 20 years. The Albany City Council directs my job responsibilities. I perform my job at the highest professional standards. It so happens a Superior Court Judge ruled that the city followed all laws when it placed Measure F on the ballot. Measure F was not a cynical end run around any law.

I've never been a Ladbroke lobbyist nor did I write the Development Agreement for Ladbroke. You lied in your letter. You have insulted me and you are doing a disservice to the people of this community by spreading lies and misimpressions.

I am paid by Albany to do a job. The City Council directed me to represent the city in its litigation with CRG and it directed me to negotiate the Development Agreement on the city's behalf. This agreement was approved by the voters. I have no conflict of interest.

In a democratic society elections are won and lost all the time. You and some of those who fed you

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In a democratic society elections are won and lost all the time. You and some of those who fed you your lies are apparently pretty sore losers. To take your loss to a level of spewing insults, lies, and misinformation illustrates a lack of respect for the democratic process and is personally affronting to those you viciously attack. It's no wonder that many good people decide to stay out of politics when persons like you feel no compunction about abusing public officials.

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■ Police Reports

Parolee arrested for using stolen che

ALBANY — On the morning or Feb. 26 Albany officers responded to reports of a man who had just written a stolen check on an account that had been closed. He was seen leaving in a burgundy four door Caprice with another man. Officers stopped the car a short distance from the business and contracts. Officers stopped the car a snort distance from the business and contacted two Oakland men. One of the men had the stolen checks in his possession and was also found to be on parole. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail. The other man was not charged and

The other man was not charged and was released.

At about 12:15 a.m. on Feb. 24, Albany officers stopped a Jeep on Marin Avenue near San Pablo for erratic driving. They found a 20-year-old San Francisco man, very intoxicated. He was arrested and cited, to be released when sober.

While doing a routine check of the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 3:30 a.m. on Feb. 24 Albany officers found an Oakland man sleeping in a car at an auto repair

bany officers round an Oakiand man sleeping in a car at an auto repair facility. The car was not his and he had broken into it to sleep. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

At about 11:45 p.m. on Feb. 24

Albany officers responded to re-ports of a thief who stole two ham-burgers from a convenience store

on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue and who headed west on Marin Avenue toward the fire station (next door to the police station!). Officers contacted an Oakland man who was in the process of eating the evidence. He was arrested, cited and released with a police to appear

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On the morning of Feb. 25 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that while his gray '88 Honda Civic was parked on the street it was broken into. There were no witnessed.

On the morning of Feb. 25 an Albany woman reported that she had left her purse unattended at an outdoor bench on the 1100 block of Solano Avenue while she went inside the store. When she returned the purse was gone. There were no

At about 9 p.m. on Feb. 25 Alany officers responded to a man taking items from a vacant lot on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway. Officers contacted a transient man who had an outstanding Al-bany warrant for drug use. He was arrested, cited and released with a

notice to appear.

At about 2 a.m. on Feb. 26 Albany officers stopped a silver '84 Chrysler that was traveling on San Pablo Avenue near Brighton Av-

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Richmond youth accosted by two m

EL CERRITO - Two men at-EL CERRITO — Two men attacked a Richmond male juvenile at South 56th south of Potrero at 9:20 a.m. Feb. 12. The suspects took the youth's jacket and shoes; they are described as a black male and an Asian male, 18 to 25 years of age. The first suspect was wearing a black shirt and blue pants, the second a black baseball cap and white T-shirt.

A Richmond man was arrested

A Richmond man was arrested for taking \$60 from an El Cerrito female juvenile by force. The incident occurred on the sidewalk in front of 7-Eleven at about 2:20 p.m.

There were two thefts reported from postal drop boxes. Checks were reported stolen Feb. 3 from the box in front of the Fairmont branch of the U.S. Post Office; the theft was reported Feb. 22 after some of the checks were discovered to have been altered. Altered checks were also re-ported after the owner dropped them in a postal box at Stockton and Seaview Ian. 1

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Mail was reported stolen from a residential mailbox in the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue during the daytime Feb. 3.

Someone removed the window screen of an apartment in the 1200 block of Liberty Street during the daytime Feb. 21. The victim was home and woke up; the burglar fled.

Two residential burglaries were reported in the 2600 block of Mira Vista Drive. Someone entered an open garage, then walked into the house through an unlocked door overnight Feb. 14. The burglar took \$1 and some miscellaneous items.

Between 3 and 3:30 p.m. Feb. 26, an 8-foot ladder was taken from a garage in the same block.

20, an 6-100t ladder was taken from a garage in the same block.
A residential burglary was reported in the 6700 block of Schmidt Lane sometime Feb. 19; electronic items were taken.
A television was reported stolen

from a home in the 1700 block of Manor Drive between Jan. 18 and

An Oakland man and a Stockton An Oakland man and a Stockton man were arrested at Carlson and Shasta in Richmond Feb. 21 at 1:41 a.m. for possession of a concealed firearm. Ski masks were also found in the vehicle. Following a stop for a vehicle code violation, a Richmond man was arrested for possession of a cloned cellular phone at 4:20 p.m. Feb. 20

There were three arrests for driving under the influence. An El Sobrante man was arrested at Jordan and Tamalpais at 2:22 a.m. Feb. 22; he was also driving with a sus-

Also arrested were an Oakland man on San Pablo Avenue near Waldo (3:57 a.m. Feb. 22) and a

man on San Pablo Avenue near Waldo (3:57 a.m. Feb. 22) and a Richmond man at Potrero and I-80 (1:40 a.m. Feb. 25).

Three motor vehicle thefts were attempted. Someone entered an unlocked garage in the 800 block of Galvin Drive overnight Feb. 21 and entered a locked 1990 Toyota Camry by unknown means. The thief started the vehicle but then fled. The car was recovered.

Someone destroyed the ignition keyway of a car parked in the 800 block of Seaview Feb. 17 or 18 in a second theft attempt.

The glove box of another vehicle was ransacked, and someone attempted to start the car by forcing the keyway in the 700 block of Seaview Drive overnight Feb. 17.

A laptop computer was taken from the trunk of a car parked in a driveway in the 600 block of Norvell between 2 a.m. and 2:10 a.m. Feb. 21; the trunk was open.

A number of other property thefts from vehicles were reported.

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Church. Cash, an indash dufflebags were taken fi clothes, electronic and neous items from the oth Clothing, miscellane and office equipment wet stolen from a vehicle part 5300 block of Poinsett Neon 7 n. p. and 7.30 m. tween 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Miscellaneous items we from a car in the 6400 Hagen Boulevard oversign.

The hardtop was removed a vehicle parked in a carp 11700 block of San Pable during the early morning by

A pickup truck was rans the 5400 block of Silva I overnight Feb. 24; nothing ported stolen. Four wheels were stole car parked in the 7600 M

Leviston overnight Feb. Levist mation during an investigation juvenile disturbance in the block of Cutting Boulevard station) at 5:45 p.m. Feb. 24. A juvenile fist fight was at 2:55 p.m. Feb. 24.

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Officers responded to be bany Bowl at 11:53 p.m. Feb assist Albany officers with a

A shoplifter was stopped parking lot at El Cerrito Pluhad a shopping cart with numitems in it. He surrendered and fled in a waiting vi ncident occurred at about

A recycling theft was report the 2000 block of Tapscott Arrovernight Feb. 18.

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a Club wants EIR report

al received a copy of the following libany City Councilmembers:) m Alameda County Group of the quests that the City of Albany order an Impact Report (EIR) in compliance onia Environmental Quality Act is informia Environmental Quality Act his request is in regard to the new door lighting installed last November at Fields on the Albany waterfront. If the environmentally sensitive Albany is not only excessively intense, it also the correct photometrics nor the shield-to minimize the unnecessary horizontal flight. Thus it shines directly into the y determined to be sensitive for resting, Inesting a variety of bird species, freeting their important diurnal cycle, ally, the new lighting is impinging the region and on the Eastshore State ents of both Albany and Berkeley are y about the added lighting as a public

on this project will provide the needed al information about both the lighting the bird life as well as the engineering s required to mitigate or eliminate those es required to mitigate or eliminate those fine is of the essence for ordering the EIR. of a completed project, with perceived ental impacts, must be ordered within six

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Force embarrasses city

palled to read Norman La Force's letter nal (Feb. 13) in which he attacked the fihe Chamber of Commerce, Sewell Whether he agrees or disagrees with

Mr. Glinternick's concerns about the city's finances Mr. Ginternick's concerns about the city's finances and planning processes is his prerogative. But, as a city official, when he resorts to his well-honed tactics of name calling, race bating, misrepresentation and intentional misquoting, he not only shames himself, he embarrasses the city as well.

Those of us who have followed city issues of the past few years are quite familiar with Mr. La Force's pattern of behavior. He's repeated it on a number of occasions, generally

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It tarnishes his reputation, it tarnishes the reputations of other members of the council, and it tarnishes the city as a whole.

sentations include:

• stating that there are no loans whatsoever between the city and the agency — when the city's own books show that the agency owes the city over \$1 million in outstanding debt.

• trying to side-step the fact that the agency's affordable housing component is way over-subscribed (at 52 percent versus 20 percent allocated by mandate), by getting a city staffer to cite only the current year figure (27 percent, only slightly over budget allocation) versus the truth over the past few years.

years.

• misdirecting a legal technicality (once confronted with the reality of debt) — "that the agency can't legally use its affordable housing allocation to repay the city" — to avoid the recommendation to establish a sinking fund to repay the city, when, in fact, the recommendation had nothing to do with reallocating housing funds. It addressed the other 80 percent of the budget that the agency can use to start repaying the city.

One needs to ask, why? I haven't even iterated

k, why I haven t even iterated the name calling and unmannerly behavior. But, all of those behaviors have no place in El Cerrito, let alone on the City Council and Redevelopment

Agency.

It tamishes his reputation, it tamishes the reputations of other members of the council, and it tamishes the city as a whole. Mr. La Force's intimidating tactics, and the passive consent by other and the passive consent by other city councilmembers should not be allowed to contin

Grant Ricketts

City, supervisor mull future of 'under-funded' county libraries

EL CERRITO — County survisor Jim Rogers attended a sperior of the El Cerrito EL CERRITO — County supervisor Jim Rogers attended a special study session of the El Cerrito City Council Monday night in order to receive input from the council and community on proposed plans for changes in the county library system. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will meet in Martinez next Tuesday, March 11, at 2 p.m. in order to make some sort of decision about the fu-ture of the library; public input is encouraged.

encouraged.

The issue of what to do about the under-funded county library system has been a matter of discussion and controversy "for years," as Councilmember Jane Bartke reminded the audience. Mayor Norma

Jellison reminded Rogers specifically that West County mayors had several years ago considered pulling out of the system because of increasing dissatisfaction with service levels and funding cutbacks.

"We agreed not to move forward until a county-wide study had (been undertaken)," she said. "Everyone should know that this is still on everyone's minds ... it is and remains a possibility."

That survey was completed in November and has been followed by "hundreds of meetings," according to City Manager Gary Pokorny and El Cerrito branch librarian Janet Hildebrand.

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All over the Bay Area libraries receive more funding than in Contra Costa County, sometimes significantly more. Many residents seem to agree on the need; two library parcel tax measures received strong majority votes, exceeding 60 percent. However, they did not meet the two-thirds majority vote required.

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Despite that situation, Pokorny said, the study shows that "the system is efficiently operated" with many economies of scale practiced and that, "the central library supports local services well." (There are 23 local facilities).

"We get very good value for the money we're putting into it," he said.

money we're putting into it," he said.

Bill West, El Cerrito's representative to the county's library commission agrees.

"I think the management and staff of the library are superb," said West.
"...We do have a good system. It could be a lot better if we had more money. We're doing as well as we can under the circumstances."

On the other hand, the report's recommendation for decentralizing the central library (spreading around its resources, many in Concord's direction) and other strategies have been highly controversial. The Friends of the El Cerrito Library went on record opposing them several weeks ago, and, according to Pokorny, the supervisors already consider the proposals "dead in the water."

Some changes must take place, though. To a large extent, that necessity is being forced by the City

Concord says, and the report agrees, that it pays more money into the system than it gets in return, while the opposite is true for some

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Senior Swing

Jing Hao, right, and Josephine Castillo, both dressed to the nines in traditional attire, dance the waltz at last Sunday afternoon's party at the Albany Senior Center.

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International Institute recognizes several prominent immigrants

Fernando R. Zazueta spoke of the myths about immigrants, legal and illegal, and cut them down one by one.

In an impassioned speech,
Zazueta told his story and that of many other immigrants who became not only citizens of this country, but citizens of note.

Immigrants who have done much for their adopted and beloved country, and feel betrayed by forces who are trying to make immigrants the evil enemies.

Fernando R. Zazueta, Esq. was the keynote speaker at an exciting dinner I was recently privileged to attend: The International Institute of the East Bay's 1997 Global

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I knew something of the work of the International Institute of the East Bay. In fact, I wrote columns Last Lay. If their programs, including an exciting program that focused on the young people of Richmond and San Pablo who were from Laos, particularly from the Miens, the mountain people of Laos.

Laos.

I was impressed with two young people who spoke with me at length, telling me of the growing rift between their parents who had such a difficult time adjusting to this country, and their Americanized offspring.

They told me that the Institute had helped and continued to help them. Both had been in trouble and the Institute's programs had helped them straighten out their thinking and freed their natural intelligence.

The International Institute's mission, says their brochure, is based on two key premises: that

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the rich cultural diversity and nationalities that newcomers bring to America keep the principles of democracy strong and alive; and that exchanging

principles of democracy strong and alive; and that exchanging cultural traditions and encouraging dialogue promotes dynamic understanding and respect for one another's differences.

And on this night they were extending their 1997 Global Awards to six honorees, all of whom had been immigrants and all of whom have given and are giving much to this country.

They "recognize the Bay Area's international community and honor foreign-born individuals for significant accomplishments including serving as a community leader, role model or mentor, volunteering for public service; overcoming personal or exemplify service; overcoming personal or social challenges to exemplify

social challenges to exemplify excellence; demonstrating extraordinary generosity and kindness that serve as an inspiration to all."

Their honorees are people, some of whom I have known, some of whom I have heard of, all of whom are some of the East Bay's treasures. I was impressed. I think you will be.

Ignacio De La Fuente is serving his second term on the

ignatio De La ruente is serving his second term on the Oakland City Council and is Chair of the council's Economic and Community Development Committee. "His accomplishments include authorship of the city's 'Hire Oakland' policies, initiating efforts to greate a city's Hire Oakland policies, initiating efforts to create a telecommunications incubator downtown, and he has been instrumental in efforts to make Oakland one of the few cities in

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the nation that is called home by three major sports franchises."
Like Zazueta, the keynote speaker, De La Fuente spoke of being born into a family of fruit pickers, and making his way through the schools to become a significant figure in the City of Oakland.

Ann Lenway was recognized as a philanthropist. A German refugee born in Japan, she came to this country just before World War II. While attending Mills College she worked as a volunteer with the International Institute with the International Institute and now serves on its Advisory Council. As a founder, president, board member and volunteer, she has been a leader and given bountifully of her time, abilities, energy and funds to support to innumerable charitable organiza-

I know that Ann is actively engaged in charitable works throughout the area, and even internationally. She spoke movingly but quietly of what living in the U.S. has meant to her

living in the U.S. has meaned her.
Ghulam S. Taymuree of
Taymuree Motors, Inc.—"Born in a village in Afghanistan, Mr.
Taymuree taught in the College of Engineering at Kabul University and headed the Technology and Engineering Department. After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Mr. Taymuree came to the stan, Mr. Taymuree came to the U.S. as a refugee and now heads two successful automotive service centers." Taymuree spoke briefly of his home in Afghanistan, why

he had to leave, and his love of his adopted country.

The diminutive Yoshie Akiba is owner of Yoshi's Restaurant and Nitespot. "Born in Kamakura, Japan, Yoshie came to this country to study dance and music. She graduated from UC-Berkeley and holds a master of fine arts degree in dance and dance therapy from Mills College.

"She founded Yoshi's jazz night club with partner Kazo Kajimura and launched Yoshi's jazz club, providing the East Bay with access to some of the finest, most celebrated jazz experiences. In 1994, Yoshie and her husband built a traditional Japanese Meditation Hall for the community."

Straining to reach the micro-

Straining to reach the micro-phone, Yoshie smilingly told of her fortunes in the U.S. and the joy she feels in the work she does

joy she feels in the work she does here.

Ushua H. Amanam is President of Amtrat International Inc. "Mr. Amanam was born in Eket, West Africa and holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences and a master's degree in Public Health from California State University, San Jose. Mr. Amanam's international company has grown substantially and now employs more than 40 workers with sales of \$5 million. Mr. Amanam has been recognized by the cities of Miami and Los Angeles for his outstanding community service and is an active member with many African and African-American community organiza-

Again, the honoree spoke meaningfully of coming to the U.S. and successfully making it

The last honoree was unable to be present, but Dr. Irene Chow, who is President and CEO of Genelabs Technologies, "was born in China and came to the born in China and came to the country to attend graduate school. She went to UC-Berkeley where she received her master's and doctorate in bio-statistics before going into teaching. She worked for 18 years as senior vice president of drug development for global pharmaceutical giant CibaGeigy. She supports many charitable organizations and is a remarkable role model for all women."

women."
What a wonderful group of people. What varied backgrounds and experiences. All immigrants. And all of whom have added immeasurably to the life of the people in the United States. I thought you ought to hear about them. And we know that there are many more like them. Immigrants. Citizens. As you and I, or our parents or grandparents were. our parents or grandparents were

(Thank you, Dick Haber, for introducing me to this fine organization and to the people who work with it. I have enjoyed learning about it and the work it

does.

And, of course, I invite all of And, of course, I invite all you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, travel, all that sort of thing. Please write to nat 555 Pierce St., #443, Alban 94706, or call 525-4585. My email address is CRGenser@aol.com)

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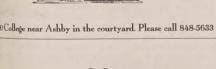
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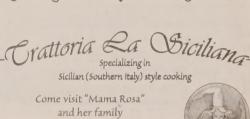
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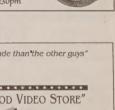


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■ Newsline

GARDEN CLUB

In observance of Arbor Day, El Cerrito Garden Club will plant a Honey Locusttree at Arlington Park, El Cerrito, on Wednesday, March 12 at 10 a.m.

El Cerrito officials, kindergart-

El Cerrito officials, kindergartners from Windrush School and members of the community will join in the ceremony.

Weather permitting, the group will be treated to a performance of Barbara Posts's environmental play, "A Tree Grows in El Cerrito."

Mayor Norma Jellison has issued a proclamation declaring the day Arbor Day in El Cerrito.

The Garden Club, which is celebrating its 41st year, has long cosponsored Arbor Day with the City. "The planting continues a long-standing City and Garden Club tradition," according to Kay Riddell, club president.

Arbor Day honors Luther Burbank, California's famous horting the continues and continues a long-standing City and Garden Club tradition," according to Kay Riddell, club president.

Burbank, California's famous hor-ticulturist and was established by the State Legislature in 1909, 17 years after his death. It is observed

in early spring in most states.

The purpose is to improve tree planting and care and to promote urban forestry through educational activities, publications and public service projects, especially involving youth groups.

ing youth groups.

The tree's botanical name is Gleditsia triacanth

The public is welcome to attend the planting. Call Julie Rogers, Ar-bor Day chairperson, at 236-9799.

DEER IN THE HILLS

There will be a public informa-tion meeting on Monday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. at El Cerrito Commu-nity Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, to nity Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, to provide information to residents about an ongoing UC-Berkeley study of the black-tailed deer population in the Kensington and El Cerrito hills.

The study began last year, but Professor Dale McCullough and his students are now one-third of the way through their work and want residents to have an update on

They will demonstrate the ways in which they are working with the deer, including radio tracking tech-

niques.
Residents of Kensington and El
Cerrito also are involved in helping
the campus with this project.
For more information, call
Gretchen Kell at the UC-Berkeley
Public Information Office, 6423136.

YOUTH SPEAK!

Sixth- to 12th-graders from around the Bay Area are invited to participate in a Youth Leadership Conference, March 15, 8:15-4:30, at UC-Berkeley Memorial Stadium (indoors)

The conference is sponsored by Pleasanton Community Toastmas-ters and UC-Berkeley's Circle K International, the collegiate arm of

Kiwanis. Students will have a chance to improve their speaking, listening and presentation skills.

The all-day event will also include a pep talk by UC-Berkeley Assistant Athletic Director Bob Driscoll as well as impromptu and prepared speech contests with videotaping, lunch, snacks, T-shirts, prizes and surprises.

Conference attendees can pick

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GARDEN CONTEST

Pull those weeds! Plant those eds! El Cerrito's Garden Club's

second annual garden contest is off

and running.
With a \$100 cash first prize and many giftcertificates from top-quality local nurseries, the contest is open to all.

Named for El Cerrito's renowned Named for El Cerrito's renowned Sundar Shadi, whose Arlington Avenue holiday garden display has delighted viewers for years, the goal of the contest, according to Club President Kay Riddell, is to pro-mote the creation of attractive gar-dess on grivate property which can dens on private property which can be viewed and enjoyed by the pub-lic. Gardens must be within the City of El Cerrito and be visible from the

We are hoping that this year's contest will be even more popular than our first one last year," Riddell

said.
Entry blanks can be the El Cerrito Sprawhich will be publish and is available at the same tions. The deadlines to say 30 with the Albo stiv

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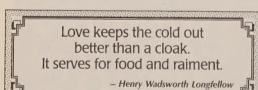
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"This is our way of thanking the community," said Giapitsogle recognize the support of the Glenview District, the unlimited buffer run from 6 to 8 p.m. at \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. The band and wife team plan to feature some dishes from their homels Greece. Expect to see such dishes as moussaka (eggplant dished with a bechamel sauce), dolmades (stuffed grape leaves), path noodle casserole) and Greek salad.

The Diggery Inn is open for breakfast and lunch from 7 a.m. to 18 Brunch is served on the weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more formation call (510) 531-0224.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Emil Villa's in Alameda expanded into the sic arena recently. Along with its world famous ribs, patrons equivalently and the solution of the 60's and 70's. What makes this place so the favors the sounds of the 60's and 70's. What makes this place so that it reawakens the feeling of former days. This new Emil Villa's is that it reawakens the feeling of former days. This new Emil Villa's is new that I am not the only one that has a few memories from waterfront location eager to resurface. Emil Villa's is located at Marina Square Drive...Oakland Lyric Opera is at it again. After the out Valentine's opera evening, the company has teamed up again and the march 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. Here is an opportunity to see the great grandson of Frantz List perform. Tenor Richard Liszt, soprano Farry and baritone Gennadi Baddasov will be featured at this squinner "Opera in Paris." For reservations call (510) 537-0812.

WEEKEND SCENE: Junior Wells at Kimball's...Salsa musis dancing at Kimball's Carnival...Bob Schoen Quartet Wednessel Cafe Caracas...Matthew Brubeck and David Widelock Duo Salurdi Daniel's in Albany...Radio Flyers at Emil Villa's Alameda...Livel sic Sunday afternoon (weather permitting) in the Courtyard at London Village...John Turk Thursday and Sunday at the Rass Inn...Jazmin Thursday and Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday in the Terman Thursday and Lilli & the Jazz Doctors Friday at the land Veterans Memorial Building and Sunday at the Piedmont verans Memorial Building.

Mike Stern Quartet at Yoshi's Jazz House...Sixx Deep Friday and Hochris Cobb Band Saturday at the Baltic...Yancie Taylor land Sunday at the 5th Amendment...Walker Lloyd Friday and Blues Didies Saturday at Brennan's...Richard Rucker at 385 Colusa...Amifuture Friday and Jody Stecher and Kate Brislin Saturday at Freight Salvage...The Joint Chiefs Friday and Ron Thompson and the Residuarday at Eli's Mile High.

COMEDY SCENE: Laura Hayes Wednesday and Thursday at 6they's Inner Circle...Rene' Hicks and Ron Feingold at Tommy T's Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: Jay Mohr and Arj Barker at the Pu Line...1997 American Comedy Awards Female Stand-up of the Winner Wendy Liebman and Kevin Kataoka at Cobb's Comedy Chi

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma

stive ribbon cutting launches RN3 Nursing Home

ng the grand opening cutting for the RN3 re Home, 906 Cornell elected Albany

ands for the three in urses owners, Vejay ho has her masters nursing; Carol Jones, an list, and Ratna Datta, an nal therapist. All three care specialists.

The owners dediced to open the facility in this area as there is no other close by. This is a 24-hour care home which will accommodate 12 residents. Each room is pleasantly decorated. Social activities, such as special outings, movies and other activities are provided.

Special diets are honored as well as medication dispensing as directed by the residents' doctors. Transportation will be provided

Transportation will be provided for those who have medical appointments or for shopping. Personal care and hygiene for the

residents will be overseen by

Located just off Solano Avenue on Cornell, the facility is moderately priced and close to shopping and public transporta-

tion.

Upon arrival for the ribbon cutting, Albany Vice Mayor Bruce Mast was presented with a bouquet of spring flowers by the owners. He complimented the facility with this message: "I always feel a flush of pride when a new business comes to Albany. But today, I am particularly proud

Pictured from left to

to welcome the RN3 Loving Care Home to Albany because this business is about caring for people."

The newly carpeted and

In enewly carpeted and painted living room is with its light colors is very inviting. Seating faces Cornell Avenue where residents may watch Cornell School children go to and

'I always feel a flush of pride when a new business comes to Albany. But today I am particularly proud to welcome RN3 to Albany because this business is about caring for people.'

-BRUCE MAST, ALBANY VICE MAYOR

from school as well as on the playground. There is a state-of-the-art kitchen next to the activity

The care home's lease negotiations were handled exclusively by Jerome Blank, Albany realtor, who was the original developer of the care facility 30 years ago.

For home care information phone 526-2533.

St. Paddy's Day Dinner

A St. Patrick's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage plus dinner wine will be served by the

members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2658 at the Veterans Memorial Building, Friday, March 14. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, March 11 with Sam Turner (526-0837) or Ian Ball (525-5230). Dinner cost is \$8 per person.

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By Fern Luoma

Citizen of the Year Deadline

Nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave., until 5 p.m. tomorrow. The nominee must have volunteered his or her services for 1995. The her services for 1995. The announcement will be made with a presentation at the Chamber of Commerce/Golden Gate Fields mixer, Wednesday, March 19. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Day at the Races Donors

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monies go to the participating groups.

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Albany Day at the Races is scheduled for Saturday, April 26. The drawing tickets will have a free pass to the track that day only, reserved seating, Gina's Pizza Restaurant discount food courses and a subcount food coupon and a stub for the drawing of the prizes which takes place the morning of Albany Day.

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Think twice about returning phone messages or pages that begin with area code 809, especially if they claim to have information about an ailing family member or a big prize you may have won.

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People who return those calls often find the people who have the 809 area code may try to keep you on the phone as long as possible, with you paying fees starting at \$3 to \$5.

The 809 area codes are in the Caribbean and are not bound by U. S. regulations requiring them to warn about charges and rates.

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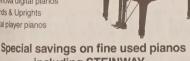
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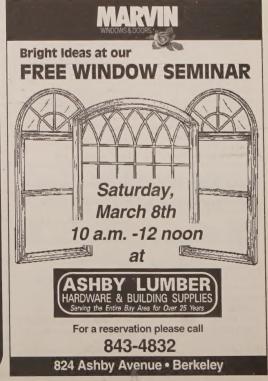
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■ West County School Watch

New legislation would reduce debt to the state

By Joe Boyd, Mark Friedman and Glen Price

Debt Impact Reduction

Moving quickly in her first term as Assemblywoman, Dion Aroner introduced legislation to reduce the West Contra Costa School

West Contra Costa School
District's annual debt payments to
the State of California.

The bill, AB 437, was introduced just days in advance of the
state legislature's deadline for
introduction of new legislation.
The bill restructures the district's
loan payment schedule established in the wake of the its 1991
bankruptcy. That schedule
mandated the district repay the
state \$42.5 million (including
interest) over a 15-year period.
Payments are made in annual
increments of \$1.87 million
dollars and balloon payments of
\$5.57 million every third year.

As part of the plan the district
must sell surplus property and
utilize the proceeds only for debt
repayment. Other funds are drawn
from the district's general fund to
pay off the loan, reducing money
available to finance the district's
educational program.

Since adoption, two major
factors have impacted the viability of the repayment plan. First,
class size reduction in the
district's elementary schools has
put a premium on all available
class room space including
several sites once deemed "surplus." Second, the district's El
Portal site, on the list of surplus
sites to be sold to pay off the debt,
has been drastically reduced in
value due to seismic risks.

Aroner's bill will amortize the
remaining debt over a 30-year
period beginning in 1998. The
result will be annual payments of
about \$750,000 and will mean
more funds will be available each
year for the district's programs.
However, the longer term repayment plan will result in the
payment of more interest over the
30-year payment period.

We'll follow the legislative
future of AB437 in this column
— you can follow it and other

pending California legislation on the world wide web (http:// www.leginfo.ca.gov).

Middle School for Richmond?

Parents, educators, community embers and elected officials members and elected officials gathered Saturday, March 1, to discuss one of the most important issues affecting our school district: the quality of education in our middle schools and the need for a new middle school in the City of Richmond.

The event was the second forum sponsored by the Alliance for Public Education, a coalition of parents, educators, and community and business leaders concerned about the future of education in West County.

I will provide a full report on the meeting in next week's West County School Watch. In the meantime, mark your calendars

county School Watch. In the meantime, mark your calendars now for the next forum announced by the Alliance, Welfare "Reform:" Its Impact on Children and Schools, Saturday, May 17, 1 p.m. at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School tary School.

Science Advances at Adams

The science department at Adams has formed a community business partnership with Zeneca

Agricultural Products Corp. in Richmond. The scientists at Zeneca have worked closely with the science department to form lesson plans for hands-on activi-Zeneca has donated equi ment and materials to the school and their scientists donate time by coming into the classrooms on their days off to assist with

activities they have helped design.
Thirty-nine Adams students
were recognized for their achievements at the West Contra Costa
Science Fair.
Four of the students received

special awards which came with a cash award — Robin Faulkner: Cash award — Robin Faulkner:
Institute for Quality Control;
Alicia Divine-Drago: Contra
Costa College Foundation;
Allison Post: Division of Cereal
Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture; Audrey
McIntyre: Council of Industries.
In addition eight science
projects will continue onto the
San Francisco Bay Area Science
Fair in March.

Fair in March.

Library Needs Computers

The Adams Library is attempting to automate circulation so as to allow the librarian and her assistant more time to work with students to improve reading,

research and report writing skills.

A grant proposal has been submitted to the state for money to purchase automation software. To aid in this venture, the library is leading for the following computing co aid in this venture, the library is looking for the following computer equipment: a dot matrix printer, a computer (minimum requirement 80386/25MHZ or better, MS DOS compatible, 2 MB RAM or more, 3.5 inch or 5.25 inch floppy drive, color or monochrome display).

Please contact the Adams
Business office at (510) 235-5464 if you can donate any of the equipment.

equipment.

Many thanks to Rose Lernberg for pulling the text and legislative analysis of AB 437 off the Internet for me and thanks to Connie Chan Kucera for the information on Adams Middle School events.



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clients to meet and exceed their expectations.
Should you desire the benefits of the spa, the choices are plentiful. Packages vary from extraordinary massage, body polish, manicure and pedicure combinations to facials, makeup and pre-wedding bride and groom all designed for the mind, body and spirit. Packages run from 1 hour, 30

Enjoy a full body massage or focus on your hands and feet or your head, neck and shoulders for 30 minutes to an hour. Facials, body polish, salt glow, paraffin wrap and self-tanning are additional revitalizing body treatments available at Uleé. Established in September of 1985 on College Avenue in

1985 on College Avenue in Rockridge, Uleé is the creation of owner Veronica Bhonsle who of owner Veronica Bhonsle who designed the salon and spa to reflect her multi-ethnic heritage. In addition to providing the East Bay with the best in beauty and wellness, the staff of Uleé participate in various activities to contribute to the community through fund-raising and

Last October, Uleé opened just steps away from the

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City of Berkeley

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) **Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG)** Twenty Third Year (1997-98)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1997 South Berkeley Senior Center • 2929 Ellis Street (corner of Ashby)

The Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) is holding a public hearing on Berkeley's housing/community development needs and to receive comments on specific CDBG and ESG funding proposals submitted for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Approximately \$4.9 million is expected to be available for allocation to a wide range of activities. The PUBLIC HEARING begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 1997 at the South Berkeley Senior Center. A complete set of proposals is available for public review at the Reference Desk of the Public Library, 2090 Kittredge Street. For more information please contact Ruth Nazario, Program Planning, Management and Budget at 644-6002.

The City has received proposals from the following community and City agencies.

HOUSING

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 Affordable Housing Associates
 (Affordable Housing
 Development)
 Bonita House (Seismic Retrofit/
 Wheelchair Access)
 Building Opportunities for Self
 Sufficiency (Youth House)
 Christmas in April (Safe Home
 Proiect)

- Project)
 Center for Independent Living
 (Residential Access)
 Housing Rehabilitation &
 Development (City)
 Rehabilitation Loan Servicing

- Community Energy Services Corporation (Berkeley Home
- Repair Program) Credo Housing (The Berkeley Way Northern California Land Trust (Scattered Site Affordable

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Berkeley Youth Alternatives (Garden Patch)
- (Garden Patch)
 Building Opportunities for Self
 Sufficiency (Business
 Development)
 Employment & Business
 Opportunities (City)
- Inter-City Services (Business Development)

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Adelante, Inc. (Employment Preparation & Placement) Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (Services for Berkeley
- ans for Job Opportunities in
- Bay (Employment, Training)
 Bay Area Outreach & Recreation
 Services for Disabled Individuals
- Berkeley-Albany Licensed Day Care (South Berkeley Child Care) Berkeley Emergency Food & Housing Project (Emergency
- Housing Froject (Emergency Housing/Services) Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (Shelter & Services) Child Education Center (Subsidized Child Care)
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 Eden Council for Hope &
 Opportunity (Project Share/Equity
 Conversion)
 Inter City Services (Employment &
 Training)

- Training)
 Jobs for Homeless Consortium
 (Employment Center)
 New Bridge, Inc. (Clean & Sober Housing)
 New Light Senior Center (Senior
- Tenant Action Project (Tenant
- Advocacy) Women's Employment Resou (Project for Single Parents)
- EMERGENCY SHELTER Women's Daytime Drop-In Center Berkeley Emergency Food &
- Housing Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy to the Homeless

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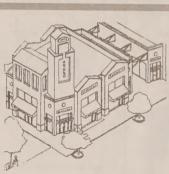
- Berkeley Public Education Fdn.
 (Columbus Family Center & Playing Field & Park)
 Center for Independent Living (Ed Roberts Campus Project)
 South & West Berkeley
 Improvement Funds (City)
 South Berkeley Senior Center Painting (City)
 Aquatic Park Play Equipment & Tot Lot (City)
 Grove Park Picnic & Play Area
 (City)

- Inclusion Classroom) Finnish Hall (Accessibility)) Inter-City Services (Tenant
- Improvements)
 Family Violence Law Center
 Life Long Medical Care (Over
- 60 Geriatric Center)
- (Transition House Repairs)

PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION

- Berkeley Community Homes
- (Housing Cooperative Or Housing Rights, Inc. (Fair

- Housing Rights, Inc. (Fair Housing)
 Program Planning & Admin. (City)
 Support Costs (City)
 Community Planning & Housing
 Monitoring (City)
 West Berkeley Neighborhood Dev.
 Corp. (Food Economy Initiative)



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Participate In The San Pablo Ave. Vision Plan

San Pablo Ave. Vision Plan Community Workshop What:

When: Thursday, March 6, 1997

7:00pm Time:

Where: Edith Stone Room, Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.

What: San Pablo Ave. Vision Plan Walking tour

When: Saturday, March 8, 1997

9:00am Time:

Where: Leave from City Hall Lobby, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The City of Albany is developing a San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan to enhance the existing San Pablo Design Guidelines. The San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan and Design Guidelines will then provide the basic planning desugnants for father. planning documents for future economic development along San Pablo Avenue. Development of the San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan is threefold.

The first step is a community workshop with the consulting firm Design. Community & Environment (DC&E). A slide show at the workshop on (March 6) will feature San Pablo Avenue and feasible projects that may be desirable along the corridor. After the slide show, workshop participants will discuss the slide show, and types of activities, land uses, building types, pedestrian activity and parking solutions for San

On Saturday, March 8, 1997 a walking tour of San Pablo Avenue is scheduled. As participants walk along San Pablo Avenue they will review existing design conditions, consider development opportunities and constraints, and make comments on a map of key economic development sites.

From the workshop and walking tour three design alternatives will be developed. These will be presented at a final community workshop on Thursday, April 24, 1997. After community input, the San Pablo Vision Plan will be finalized for presentation to the City Council.

What is your vision for San Pablo Avenue? Join us for the workshops and walking tour. Questions? Call Gary Patton, Planning Manager at 528 5760 or Ann Ritzma, Assistant to the City Administrator at 528-5710.



ello concerto

Grammy-nominated New Century Chamber Orchestra will perform Saturday, March 22 at a stitle First Unitarian Church in Kensington. The orchestra will present the third program is 1997 season featuring the premiere of David Carlson's "Cello Concerto Number 2." is large cellist Emil Miland is the featured soloist. The program will also include Igor insky's "Appollon Musagete" and Peter Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence, Op. 70." Area composer Carlson has composed works in many genres, including several orchespieces, concertos for violin and cello, chamber music and opera. Tickets for the concert 22 for adults; \$10 for youth 17 and under. The First Unitarian Church is located at 1, 1901 Rd. Call (415) 392-4400 for ticket reservations and information.

ell your wares at April flea market

hil 5 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in ing lot of the Teen Center at 900 Buchanan (adja-

'garage sale' style flea is an excellent opportu-

nity for local residents to sell items that are cluttering storage areas or gathering dust in closets.

Plus, overhead is kept to a minimum since advertising into the classified section of local newspapers and the San Francisco Chronicle will be handled by the onsoring agency.

Booth spaces are 10 feet long by 5 feet wide, and include one three by six table and two folding

Additional items needed to set up booths must be provided by the seller.

A \$10 fee will be charged for each booth rental.

Space is limited to 30 selling

Should you need additional information or are interested in re-serving a booth to sell your wares, contact Leah Smalley, Teen Ser-vices Coordinator for the City of Albany at 525-0576.

■ Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

Thursday, March 6
7 p.m., AHS Gym
Superintendent Concert
Event: Concert presented by
students in AUSD music pro-

Saturday, March 8
9 a.m., AMS, behind the tennis

Event: Community invited to help build AMS garden.
Contact: Vice principal, Arturo Flores, 559-6540
Monday, March 10
7.15 pm. grown 128

7:15 p.m., room 128
AHS PTA
Topic: Connie Hubbard, Director of Curriculum and Personnel, will speak on the timeline for facility changes at 4 He

will speak on the timeline for ity changes at AHS. Monday, March 10 7 p.m., AHS: room 201 AHS Site Council Contact: AHS, 559-6550 Tuesday, March 11

30 p.m., Conrell Multi-use Room Board of Education

Topic: Agenda available at
AUSD office
Thursday, March 13
7 p.m., AMS Library
AMS PTA
Topic: Books for Middle
Schoolers: presentation by Margaret Simpson

Topic: Agenda available at
6243, 527-3301
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AHS Musical
Event: AHS p
cal: "Li'l Abner.
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Contact: Helen Munch, 525-

Tuesday, March 18
7:15 p.m., AMS: room 51
AMS Parent Support Group
Topic: Erika Holmes, former
AMS teacher, will be speaking on
general teen issues.
Contact: Helen Munch, 525-

Tuesday, March 18

Board of Education
Topic: UCB seeking community
input on the plan for the University
Village at Albany Redevelopment

oject
Tuesday, March 20
7 p.m., Cornell Library
Cornell PTA
Contact: Charlie Prins, 526-

6243, 527-3301
Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
March 20 - 22
AHS Little Theater
AHS Musical
Event: AHS presents the musical: "Li'l Abner." The show times
are 8 p.m. each night and 2 p.m.
on Saturday. Tickets can be reserved by calling AHS or purchased at the box office starting a
half hour before each performance. Prices \$8 adults; \$5 students and seniors. dents and seniors.

Contact: AHS, 559-6550, ext.

6588

Friday, March 21

9a.m. - 4p.m., Pleasanton Hilton EdSource's 20th Anniversary Conference of California's Schools Contact: Karen Carlson-Olson, 524-7004

If there is a school related event you would like to add or correct here, please call Belinda Lum at 528-2429 or email: Robert— Marshall@msn.com

March delivery for new garbage and green waste

EL CERRITO - The new gar-

ELCERRITO— Inchew garbage carts and green waste carts have arrived in town.

East Bay Sanitary began delivery of the carts March 3 and will continue to deliver them through-

out the month.

The new collection service schedule begins the week of March 31. Residents should not place materials in the new carts until a week before new collection begins.

The garbage cart will have a sticker indicating your new collection day. Do not put your new cart out until the week of March 31.

All materials — garbage, recycling and green waste — will be collected on the same day, but green waste will only be collected every other week.

A map with your green waste schedule will be provided along with

instructions for green waste dis-

Only residents who requested a green waste container will receive

Residents who did not return their order forms will be provided with a garbage can (or cans) at their current level of service, and will not

receive a green can.

For more information, call East
Bay Sanitary at 237-4321.

Library looking for volunteer staffers

EL CERRITO — Volunteers are needed for the El Cerrito Library's Grandparents and Book Buddies Program. The program is for people who enjoy children, want to promote reading as fun and en-tertaining, want to learn about how

to read aloud and share books with Market Ave., on Friday, March 21 children, can make a six-month, two-hour per week commitment and can complete two three-hour training sessions.

ing sessions.

Training sessions will be provided at the San Pablo Library, 2101

and Friday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. To learn more about the pro-gram, complete a Contra Costa County Library Volunteer Applirito Library at 526-7512



Health Talk

Caregivers Must Care for Themselves, Too y Terry Hill, MD

the men and women who find lives squeezed — or sandwiched ween the demands of their the needs of their children, growing needs of their own retimes frail parents.

angiver's emotional, physical, nicial resources. Taught from 10 "honor thy parents," care-200 often are convinced they do everything possible for a ni parent, otherwise they're oving sons or daughters they much to be.

trying to juggle the needs of parent with your own needs of your family, there's a lot

Plan ahead. A sudden illness an ahead. A sudden illness metimes leave a parent both dent and unable to express his wishes, and this can make especially tough on caregivers. be hard to talk with parents before preferences for care should a trise. But if you do discuss the work of the care of the car

possible, to help an ailing parent maintain an acceptable quality of life. Realize that you can't always do everything. Maybe you need to let the dishes pile up in the sink now and then so you can spend some time with your children or spouse.

Take time for yourself. It's essential that you make time to deal with

Take time for yourself. It's essential that you make time to deal with your own needs. That means eating right and getting plenty of rest. Regular exercise is also important; it's a great stress-reliever, and it'll give you an energy boost. By taking good care of yourself, you can take better care of those who depend on you.

Get support. Caregivers often feel conflicting emotions: love and anger.

Get support. Caregivers often feel conflicting emotions: love and anger, fear of the future, resentment over demands on their time. Join a support group for caregivers. It can be especially helpful to talk with others who know what you're going through. You'll find out that you're not alone, and you'll learn how others cope with similar problems.

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Caregivers Support Group beginning
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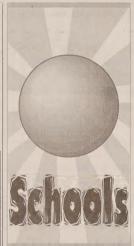
how caregivers can cope with their responsibilities and where to get help. WHO: A panel of experts will provide information on available

resources for caregivers.

WHEN: Saturday, March 15, 1997 10 a.m. - Noon **WHERE:** The Health Education

Center, 400 Hawthorne Ave., Oakland.
If you'd like more information
about the lecture, and for reservations,







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Driving

and Program Coordinator Tanya Chalupa fielded questions from council and some criticism from audience members, this time around no such resistance arose. In response to those who questioned the educational value of the program, Murdo began by showing a short video — featuring himself on bass and Palmini in full Elvis attire — before moving on to the business at hand.

Murdo then responded to the pre-Murdo then responded to the previous council's comments, all of which "made very good sense," he said. After four drafts and much candid discussion, Murdo said he and Mast had worked out a plan acceptable to both.

"I believe we've covered the gamut of concerns I heard from the previous council," Murdo said,

pointing to the rodeos, the bike helmets and the middle school art contest as reasons to accept the leaner, meaner grant proposal.

Mast then said that, beyond the rodeos and the art contest, he was particularly pleased with the fact that the department would now be teaching others to administer the program themselves, an opinion seconded by Councilmember Peggy Thomsen.

Thomsen.
Councilmember Jon Ely, who as a candidate on the night before the November election urged the previous council to not accept the grant, also spoke in favor of the program's more local thrust. more local thrust.

more local thrust.

The council then heard brief comments from the public, all of whom supported the grant.

With none speaking against the program and the wrinkles from the previous proposal apparently ironed out, the council approved the grant by a 4-0 vote, with Councilmember Elizabeth Baker absent.

Library

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other areas of the county (including West County). Concord is demanding more services and threatening to pull out of the system altogether if it doesn't receive them.

Friends of the El Cerrito library boardmember Thom Stark, who also believes, "we get an incredible amount of bang for the measly bucks we put in" to the system, argued "against bribing Concord." Among other things, he said, it would set a precedent for other cities.

"(Don't) allow Concord to strong arm us into giving them special treatment," he said.

Stark has his own solution for appeasing Concord. He would like to see the current central library, which operates in an older facility, fill out its useful life. When a bigger, newer central library must be built, let that be in Concord, he said.

Those councilmembers who spoke to the issue Monday question some of the study's support for Concord. Among other things, they

agreed with Rogers that Concord residents also visit nearby branches in other cities, a factor not included in the subsidy equation.

"Concord is acting like a bully," said Bartke. "The city doesn't realize how many residents are using other facilities."

Bartke strongly favors the retention of a strong central library with no dismantling of facilities. (Jellison and Norman La Force agreed.) She wants to look at a new local election and wants to see the system remain

wants to look at a new local election and wants to see the system remain county-wide.

Jellison isn't so sure. She said all the cities did not come "on board" for the last parcel tax because "we had no assurance from the board of supervisors that local services would benefit." Jellison said the mayors would need some commitment from the board that cities would "have some say" in the distribution of tax funds in order to increase "their collections, services and hours."

In the meantime, she said she was "adamant" that some mechanism be written into any new agree-

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After the death of local writer and historian Catherine Webb in January, the Albany Library inher-ited additional materials from her rich and abundant store of local

rich and abundant store of local history.

In order to make these materials available to the public at large, the Friends of the Albany Library have formed a special subcommittee, headed by Christina Van Horn, to sort through and catalog the many boxfuls of priceless mementos that have come to us.

Volunteers are needed to assist in this fascinating and very important project. If you would like to participate, please contact Richard Russo at the Reference Desk, or call 526-3720.

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And let's not forget the many Albany residents who have already made outstanding donations to our library's Local History collection.

The library is always on the look-out for interesting memorabilia, such as old scrapbooks, clippings, photos, yearbooks, fliers, maps, letter, drawings, etc. Remember the motto of all genealogists: "Never, never throw away anything!"

So do bring your old "junk" to the library, and you, too, will be making history for a grateful posterity.

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How can you access the trea-sures in our Albany History collec-tion? Thanks to the two volunteer librarians from UC-Berkeley who lovingly labored for two years to put in order the veritable mountain of material, we have a complete

printed catalog.

Thus, if you have a specific area of inquiry, you may consult this catalog at the Reference Desk. The alphabetical Subjects list includes "Albany Hill Condominium Controversy, Crime, Farmers' Market — 1944, Foreign Exchange Students, People — from A to Z," to name only a few.

A second listing, Oral Histories, refers you to transcriptions of 63

refers you to transcriptions of 63 live interviews conducted over the years by Catherine Webb with citizens of note, e.g., the first mayor of Albany, the 1918 fire chief, Italian and pioneer families and long-time businesses businesses.

businesses.

A recent visitor to Albany in search of his family roots was delighted to find here a long interview with his grandmother, the late Rosemary Paine, who was a staunch supporter of the library in the early days. The original audio cassettes of these interviews are stored in the library's archives.

The third category comprises a list of Photographs, hundreds of them, e.g., views of Albany taken decades ago, old class pictures, church activities, the Fourth of July — 1912. Photos of the old Key route trains were used recently by an appreciative academic doing research on early California railroads.

A separate folder, Local Newspapers, enumerates all the library's holding of back files of Albany newspapers, including a complete set of The Journal, which the Library has had microfilmed. This long and costly task of historical preservation was financed by the

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Friends of the Library, so that now you can learn about Albany life in the old days simply by using the microfilm reader in the Local His-

tory Alcove.
The Local History Alcove, situ-The Local History Alcove, situated at the rear of the library, was expressly designed by the librarians and the architects to house Catherine Webb's best collection. Her life's work for over 50 years, it was unveiled and dedicated at a public celebration in August, 1994. And now, finally, Catherine's dream of bequeathing something of great value to the younger generations was fulfilled when our thirdgraders began to write their own

graders began to write their own History of Albany as a standing

History of Albany as a standing class project.
Indeed, people of all ages and surrounding counties enjoy visiting our mini-museum to look through splendid old photographs and maps, and exhibit cases filled with mementos of our dynamic and unique historian, Catherine Webb, and of other important Albany groups.

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The library still has available for purchase a few copies of Stories of Albany (C. Webb et al.), a softcover book containing informative articles written by a number of Albany residents, over-the-fence chats, and dozens of old photos and portraits.

Highly entertaining for browsers and an excellent resource for genealogists, the book is usually a big hit with grandchildren as well.

The Friends of the Albany Library will next meet on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room. See you there.

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Mar. 8 Explore the Internet: 1-5 pm, Sat. Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia Berkeley; \$64; Mar. 8, 15; 841-8860

Community Events

Mar. 8
Albany/Berkeley Girl's Softball
League: begins for first-graders; for more
information, call Peggy Heathcock; 524-

Mar. 9 Bees and Bats in Your Backyard: 1 pm; Steve Gentry, speaker; Golden Gate Chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers; Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 654-6001

Exhibits

Spectrum-Woodblock through Mi-crochip: opens today; Tues.-Sun. 1-5 pm; Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shat-tuck Ave., Berkeley; through March 29; 665-9496

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A Gentle Plea for Chaos: 2-5 p.m.; Werner Hisling; Cecile Moochnek Gallery 1809D Fourth St. (upstairs), Berkeley; through March 30; 549-1018
Big Tools and the Women Who Use Them: 12-5 p.m. Weds.-Sun.; Katherine Aoki; The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park; reception on Feb. 23, 2-4 p.m.; free; through March 29; 644-6893
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Artists- Five Directions in Polymer Clay,
Too; Pier Voulkos, Martha Breen, Ruth
Anne Grove, Michael Grove, Jamey D.
Allen; 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley;
849-4967

9-4967 Campus Series: 7 am-7 pm.; by Dah; presso Roma Cafe Gallery, 1549 ppkins St., Berkeley; through Apr. 3;

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Berkeley Art Museum: 2626 Banroft Way; "The Mask of Venice: Maskng, Freater and Identity in the Art of
peolo and His Time," through Mar. 2:
Masterworks of Greek and Roman Art
rom the Phoebe Hearst Mušeum,"
hrough Apr. 20; "Garrett Eckbo: The

rt of the Social Landscape MATRIX," rough Mar. 9; Hiroshi Sugimoto—phographs, through Apr. 6; 642-0808 for

24-hour info
"Forging an Identity: The Art of
the Yeminite Silversmith": Judah L.
Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St.,
through Apr.: 549-6950

ough Apr.; 549-6950
"Liquid Gold-California's Water":
sented by Water Resources Center at
mice Layne Brown Gallery, Doe Litry, UC Berkeley; through Mar. 30;

549-6950
Quilts by Nancy Pagani: Foyer Gal-lery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; through Mar. 9
Quilts by the Off Kilters: New Pieces Fabric, 1597 Solano Ave.; through Mar. 4, 527-6779

abite, 1527-of-Sichmond Art Center: 2540 Barrett vec., Civic Center Plaza; "Beyond loundaries: The North American rintmaking Exhibition"; sculpture by Jiana Pumpelly Bates; "The Art of Liv-ing Black," Bay Area Artists' Open Stu-lios Exhibition; through Mar. 22; 620-772

Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet, Dharma Publishing Art Gallery, 2910 San Pablo Ave.; through Apr. 26; 548-5407

Tattoo Ephemera: The Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave.; through Apr.; 548-5895

Lectures and Workshops

Mar. 6
Projects and Traditional Japanese
Design: 7 pm; landscape architect, Ron
Herman; Berkeley Mills, 2830 Seventh
St., Berkeley; free; 549-2854

Herman; Berkeley Mills, 2830 Seventh St., Berkeley; free; 549-2854 Chinese Medicine and Women's Health: 7:30 pm; Khim Choong, regis-tered nurse and acupuncturist; 1-House Home Room, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Ber-keley; 642-9490 Travel-The Azores: 11 am; Kensing-ton 55+ Community Center, Arlington Community Church, 52 Alrington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146 Mar. 7

Mar. / China in May, 1996- A Slide Show: 12:30 pm; Derthelle Fites; City Commons Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley: \$1/students free; 848-3533

Mar. 9
The Art of Henri Gervex: 7:30 pm;
Luc Bréibon, speaker; Berkeley Jewish
Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.;
845-1919
Mar. 11

Turning Point Career Center: 1:30 pm; job-hunter's orientation; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370

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Assess Your Work Preferences in-cluding Skills and Job Functions: 4 pm; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$10 members/\$15 non-members; 848-6370

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A Career as a Lawyer: noon-1 pm;
Barbara Bryant, speaker; University
YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley;
\$3; 848-6370

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YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$3; 848-6370 Apocalypse Noir- Carey Mc Williams and Post-Historic California: 4 pm; Kerwin Klein, history; Morrison Rm., Doe Library, UC Berkeley campus Free Seminar on Remodeling; 7 pm; Berkeley Public Library Claremont Branch, 2940 Bernvenue, Berkeley; free; 644-6880 Mar. 12 CoHousing- A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves: 7 pm; The CoHousing Company, 1250 Addison #113, Berkeley; \$5; 549-9980 Rotary Club: Susan Forsburg, molecular geneticist and Professor at the Salk Institute for biological studies; 1836 University Ave., Berkeley; 841-2319 Literary Events and

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Mar. 6
Berkeley Writers at Work SeriesRonald Takaki: noon; Morrison Library,
101 Doe Library, UC Berkeley campus;
free; 642-5570
Deborah Waterhouse: 7:30 pm; Like
Mother, Like Daughter; Gaia Bookstore
and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck
Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA
Po Bronson: 7:30 pm; The First \$20
Million is Always the Hardest; Black
Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698
Cluture Shock! France- A Guide to
Customs and Etiquette: 7:30 pm; Sally
Taylor, world traveler; Easy Going Travel
and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; free; 843-3533
Mar. 7
James Wanless: 7:30 pm; Strategic

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Planning for the 21st Century- Tarot for Business; Gaia Bookstore and Commu-nity Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berke-ley; 848-GAIA Clifton Taulbert: 7:30 pm; Watch-ing the Crops Come In; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698 Mar. 8:

Mar. 8 Frank Bidart and Robert Pinsky: 30 pm; reading of their favorite poems; lack Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., erkeley; 486-0698

Mar. 9
The Ecology Center Literary Series: 7 pm; Carla Kandinsky, poet; Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; free; 548-3482
Frank Bidart and Robert Pinsky: 730 pm; reading of their favorite poems; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698

Mar. 10
Christine Longaker: 7:30 pm; Facg Death and Finding Hope; Gaia Bookore and Community Center, 1400 Shatck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA
Marilyn Hill Harper: 7:30 pm;
earing Purple; Black Oak Books, 1491
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Mar. 11
Dr. Susan Love

Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698
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Dr. Susan Love: 6 pm; Dr. Susan
Love's Hormone Book; Gaia Bookstore
and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck
Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA
Elizabeth Wagele: 7:30 pm; The
Enneagram of Parenting; Gaia Bookstore
and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck
Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA
John Dufresne: 7:30 pm; Love Warps
the Mind a Little; Black Oak Books,
1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 486-0698
Costa Rica Handbook: 7:30 pm; Dr.
Bernard Nietschmann, UCB Prof. of
Geography; Easy Going Travel and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; free;
843-3533
Mar. 12
Susan Gordon Lydon: 7:30 pm; The
Knitting Sutra; Gaia Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA
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That One Guy: 8 pm; Jupiter, 2181
Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; no cover; 510/
THE-TAPS
Shelley Doty and Living Daylights:
9:30 pm; The Starry Plough Restaurant

and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$3; 841-2082

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Habanera Quartet: 8:30 pm; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; no cover; 510/THE-TAPS
Papa's Culture: 9:30 pm; funk, reggae, rock; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$7; 848-0886

Berkeley Schubert Quartet: 8 pm; St. John's Presbyterian Church, College & Garber, Berkeley; \$20/\$17; 528-1725

Eskimo and Optimist International: 9:45 pm; The Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$6; 841-2082

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Music of the French Baroque: 8 pm;
00 The Alameda at Marin,
1sicSources, Berkeley; \$10 general/\$7
dents; 845-9403
The Horizon Woodwind Quintet: 8
1; Trinity Chamber Concerts, 2362
ncroft Way, Berkeley; \$10/\$7; 549-64

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Sharon Hirata Quartet: 8:30 pm;
Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley;
no cover; 510/THE-TAPS
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9:30 pm; rock/folk rock; Blake's, 2367
Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 55; 848-0886
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Boys, and Billy Jack weeston and his
western Swing Band: 9:45 pm; The Starry
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Ave., Berkeley; \$6; 841-2082
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The Heritage of Henry Cowell: 3

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Berkeley campus on Bancroft Way at

College Ave; \$8\S65\654 \642-9988

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Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany, \$16\513; \$24-561

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Music and Musicians in Exile- The
Romantic Legacy of a Double Life: 8
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Mar. 12 Flamenco Open Stage: 8:30 pm; The Starry Plough Restaurant and Pub, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$4; 841-2082

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When he final buzzer sounds the Bears' game with Arizona to it will be more final than et, and I imagine the sound lecho strangely among a sudalythoughtful, quieting crowd. The crowd will linger. Alumni yellow cardigans will mingle the denim-clad students — the sin of the last struggle fresh

heir faces.
Imagine the nets will be cut
wh. Folks will stare at the
aking floor, at the golden
ms near the roof, holding
inkled, fading banners. Or
will be staring at nothing in

Sothe crowd will linger, many mking back to 1959, the year lewn its last National Chamonship. I'll be among them, d I imagine at some point I'll onder what every fan does: at would have happened if I one chance to play here. at bit of history could I have

game?

It's a dream, really, but in It's a dream, really, but in Harmon where the game is so close, where players and fans often compete for position, the line between what is and what could have been narrows eternally.

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loose countiess memories, a history filled equally with heroes and heartbreak, yes, it can.

In this building, with the noise swelling, the marching bands' drum thumping, it's like being inside an enormous, beating heart. It always feels like something important is about to horner. In this building its

enormous, beaung neart. It always feels like something important is about to happen. In this building its easy to imagine....

The year is any year, the teams are made up of the greatest to ever compete in the old gym, and then, there is me.

Injuries and foul trouble have forced coach Ben Braun to go deep into his bench where a short walk-on with minimal athletic ability, but a decent jump shot, occupies the last seat. When coach points at me, I look over my shoulder to see who he really wants to replace Lamond Murray.

A minute into the game, I transfixedly watch Jason Kidd dribble out of a double team by Lew



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The last
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Alcindor and Gary Payton. Some-how Jason gets into the lane, and whips a no-look pass out to me, spotting up on the wing. Finally, I think, my moment has arrived. But Sean Elliot comes out of nowhere, his long reach requiring

comes crashing down with all the finesse of a dead pheasant. About a foot short. The orange Oregon State banner flutters in the breeze by my attempt, the crowd groans, and a row of sportswriters roll their eyes — a chorus line of wintry discontant.

several minutes. Payton, the Sky-line alum, my look still might not be good enough.

With just a couple minutes to go.

good enough.

With just a couple minutes to go,
Shareef Abdur-Rahim suddenly
sprints through the tunnel, and soaring, turning, connects on a baseline
jumper, then just as quickly runs back
through the tunnel and is gone.

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Caraballo takes St. Mary's success on his shoulders

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Tor NorCal is viewed as a bad

"Caraballo said, as his team

"Pared Wednesday for its first
and NCS match at No. 2 Mt.

"Malpais." Everybody else looks

the season as an improvement,

all was. But my expectations

a lot higher."

attempted to impart to his team. While it's taken a while to take hold, the coach said he sees that focus in the younger players.

Freshman Billy Heidi and sophomore Marlon White-Kelly are two examples. They comprise the Panthers' starting backcourt. Both players were honorable mention all-league picks.

"It's an attitude where you are not complacent," he said. "Where you are not satisfied. The younger players are more in sync with my way of thinking."

Caraballo feels he has one of the more talented Div. IV teams in the NCS, with enough talent to win the title. Whether that transpires is as much his responsibility as it is his players'.

"No question that we have the talent," Caraballo said. "But we've lost a lot of close games we should have won. Getting them to play is my job. If they don't play up to the required level, then I have failed."



Gauchos' Andrew Gooden dominated inside as EC beat Alhambra Tuesday to advance in NCS.

Harris has big game; puts EC in 2nd round

By John Gardella

MARTINEZ — Regardless of the outcome of Wednesday's El Cerrito-Arcata game in the second round of the North Coast Section Division III playoffs, Gauchos coach Chris Huber is proud of the way his team played this season and thrilled with the possibility of the program's future. Three sophomores combined to score 49 points Tuesday as the Gauchos be a t Alhambra, 70-52, in a

Boys Basketball 1st Round

Alhambra

first-round NCS game.

first-round NCS game.

"Tonight we played like veterans," said Jovan Harris, EC's lone
first-team, all-Alameda-Contra
Costa Athletic League pick. "But
we know we are a young team."
Harris (19 points) played a great

North Coast Basketball **Pairings**

March 6

Division III

Second Round No. 5 El Cerrito (17-11) at Arcata (22-5), 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS

Semifinal

Division III

March 7

No. 2 Berkeley (23-3) vs No. 3 Antioch (23-3), Alameda High, (Time To Be Determined)

all-round game, often matching on defense with the Bulldogs' freshman sensation Michael Lawson. Lawson scored 18 points, but was held in check in the second half, scoring all seven of his points in the stanza from the foul line.

With the ball in his hands late in the game, Harris converted 6-of-7.

the game, Harris converted 6-of-7 free throws, icing the game for the

Gauchos.
"Jovan did a nice job for us,"
said Huber. "He made some nice
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ackets girls begin quest for state; boys face No. 1 St. Joe in opener

was a sure thing, the other did wait and see. One feels they had now faces the No. 1 seed, the first row faces the No. 1 seed in

in now faces the No. 1 seek first round.

In the end, both Berkeley basmindleams qualified for the North
Section playoffs. The
dibwjackets' girls, considered in
Maj polls as the top team in the
Mag, drew a No. 2 seed and faces
aloch (23-3) in the Division I

The rinday.

The win, the Jackets will likely the state Bay Athletic League rival also, l-seeded Monte Vista Satage Berkeley (23-3) and Monte as pli two games this season,

each winning on its homecourt: Berkeley by 18, Monte Vista by

five.
"I wasn't pleased that we didn't "I wasn't pleased that we didn't get the No. I seed," Jackets coach Gene Nakamura said Tuesday. "Our strength of schedule was way tougher than theirs (Vista). The three-person committee (that selected the seedings) was very ignorant about women's basketball. I feel we're the No. I team in the state."

All four teams in the NCS tour All four teams in the NCS four-nament (Pittsburg is the fourth), shared the Bay Valley Athletic League prior to this season when Berkeley and Monte Vista moved to the EBAL. Berkeley won the BVAL title the last two years.

When asked if his team wanted a rematch with Monte Vista, Nakamura didn't play the diplomat as most coaches do by saying he didn't care who his club might face

in Saturday's final.
"Definitely we want to play Monte
Vista," Nakamura said. "We're looking forward to playing them."

Boys coach Dan Palley didn't say his team was looking forward to playing the area's No. 1 team, St. Joe's (25-3), Wednesday, but it was keen on seeing how its finally-healthy squad fared against the best. "We're excited about the challenge," Palley said before the tip-off. "We've had a stretch of eight days of practice without a game, and the spirit

has been good at practice."

The Jackets, (16-10), used the layoff to resume playing two starters
who have had lingering ankle injuries
for much of the season. Sophomore
guard Perry Pugh and senior center
Josh Jackson are both fully recovered
from earlier season leg strains, so
Berkeley was able to start its intended
lineup for the NCS opener.

Both teams' games have been
scheduled for Alameda High's gym.
As of Wednesday, the time for the
start of the girls' contest was contingent on what happened with the
boys' game yesterday. If the Jackets defeated St. Joe's, the schedule
makers would probably try to have
the Berkeley teams play back-toback on Friday.



Shavaki Jackson, center, is Berkeley's best hope for a state champ

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points against Stanford in 1977.
I'm to inbound the ball to Murry,
coming off a screen from trusty old
Alfred Grigsby. Just as we're coming
out of the huddle, however, I see a
familiar, clutch scorer limping over.
Though he is recently rebuilt, his
half-grin, half-wonderment expression remains unchanged. Despite his
noticeable hobble, Braun quickly reworks the play to go to the gimpy
guard. When you hold the Cal single
game record for points in a game, and
you scored your 48 in 25 minutes,
you tend to inspire exceptions.
Coach's new play? Get the ball to
Ed Gray, and try not to hurt him any
further in the victory celebration. Like
this year's Cal team, we follow
Braun's strategy implicitly. Itoss the
ball into Ed, who pump fakes from 22
feet, gets Damon Stoudamire in the
air, then leans over Bill Walton, banking home the game-winner.
We all pile on Ed in the middle of
Newell Court. Being the slowest, I'm
the last to arrive, so I'm on top of the
heap. I take a quick last look around
from my new vantage point. The
crowd is lingering, milling about the
floor. The nets are coming down. I
glance over at the row of sportswriters who, despite themselves, seem to
be having a pretty good time, observing the scene fondly, as they attempt
to mark history at the moment it is
happening.



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The 16 most memorable games in Harmon

1. Cal Ends 52-Game Losing Streak to UCLA — Jan. 25, 1986 — W 75-67
Ending a skid that spanned 26 seasons, the Bears top the Bruins in the most amazing game in Harmon history.

2. Cal Key Win Over UCLA Begins Dominant Newell Era — March 2, 1957 — W 73-68 UCLA prided itself on physical conditioning, but Cal isn't going to let the Bruins beat it that way as neither team calls a timeout for the first 37 minutes. Eventually, Cal wears the Bruins down with its fullcourt press.

3. Andy Wolfe Set Harmon Scoring Record in PCC Playoffs — March 13, 1948 — L 64-57

Andy Wolfe scores 28 points in a valiant effort after teammate Chuck Hanger goes down with

an injury.

4. The Great Stall Against
Bill Russell and USF — Jan.
28, 1956 — L 33-24
Cal's Joe Hagington hour USE

Cal's Joe Hagler stands near midcourt for 13 minutes, but USF All-American Bill Russell won't come out and guard him. Stalling was the main chance the Bears had to win.

5. Five OTs and a Win Against Oregon — Feb. 10, 1977 — W 107-102

Five avertimes tells the whole

Five overtimes tells the whole story. Would this game ever end? Cal's Gene Ransom and Cal's Gene Ransom and Oregon's Greg Ballard wage an epic battle and the Bears finally

emerge the victor. Ransom ends the night with a school record 63.5 minutes and 36 points.

6. Forfeit Against USC — Jan.
7, 1956 — L. 77-64
Kids at the game eat ice cream which is wrapped in tin foil. They take the foil and squeeze it into a ball, then throw it at the refere?s. When this continues, the officials forfeit the game to USC for the first forfeit in Cal basketball history.
7. Miraculous Comeback to beat USF — Jan. 6, 1986 — W 59-58

USF misses several foul shots down the stretch, but still has a 3-point lead with just a few seconds left and can't win. Chris Washington ignores a 3-point shot and drives for a lay-up with three seconds left and is fouled. The ensuing free throw misses, but the Bears Leonard Taylor grabs the offensive rebound, converts the put-back and is fouled. Taylor makes the foul shot and Cal comes away a winner.

This is the one that started the Bears improbable stretch run that culminates with the Sweet 16 ap-

comes away a winner.

8. Cal Women Beat No. 2
Stanford — Jan. 10, 1992 — W

Cal emerges with the biggest upset in women's history over a Stanford team that is one of only three Cardinal losses in a season in hich it would go on to claim the

9. Kidd Explosion Begins reto NCAAs — Feb. 18, 1993 —



The last walk-on walks off Newell Court for the last time.

pearance. Jason Kidd is unstoppable

25 points, 10 assists, and 6 steals.

10. Wilt and Kansas Come to

Harmon — Dec. 18, 1956 — L 66-

The legendary Wilt Chamber-lain comes to Berkeley and is held to eight points by Earl Robinson. Cal stays in the game on an array of back-doorcuts, but in the end. can't hang with the more talented Jayhawks.

hang with the more Jayhawks.

11. Cal Women Upset National Powerhouse Old Dominion — Jan. 14, 1984 — W 78-70
Coach Gooch Foster's team upsets fourth-ranked Old Dominion, after coming from behind. The Bears trail Marianne Stanley's team, 43-34, at halftime, but a superior de-

fensive effort forces the Lady Mon-

fensive effort forces the Lady Monarchs into 24 turnovers. Karen Smith scores 22 points and Cal has five players in double figures.

12. Cal Beats Stanford to Clinch NCAA Berth — Mar. 3, 1996 — W 85-78

Harmon is never louder than the final home game of the 1995-96 season when the Bears pound Stanford. The game sees a magnificent performance from freshman Shareef Abdur-Rahim who hits 9-of-11 FG and 13-14 FT for 31 points, in what turns out to be his final outing. The win clinches a NCAA tournament appearance for the Bears.

13. Referee Calls Forfeit after Objects Shower Court — Jan. 7, 1956 — L 77-64

Referee Al Lightner calls the game with several minutes left when fans begin showering the court with hot pennies and other objects. Many fans think the forfeit is an over-reaction, but Lightner says, "I'm not willing to riskmy sight for an official's pay."

14. Cal Barely Losses to Unbeaten UCLA — Feb. 8, 1964 — L 58-56 An underdog Bears host

— L 58-56
An underdog Bears host UCLA, which would end up going unbeaten and win the national championship. The crowd is berserk and if Chris Carpenter had hit the shot at the buzzer, Cal may have come away with the victory.

15. Cal and USC Women Set Scorius Record — March

15. Cal and USC Women
Set Scoring Record — March
10, 1989 — W 115-106
Cal sets a Pac-10 women's
scoring record in an offensive
outburst by both teams. USC's
Cherie Nelson scores a conference record 50 points, hitting
16-0f-23 from the field and 18of-20 from the line, but it isn't
enough. Cal has seven players
with 13 or more points.

16. "Sugar Bear" Murry
Goes Out in Style with 41
points — March 5, 1977 — W
101-91

Ray "Sugar Bear" Murry ends his Cal career with a superior effort, tossing in 41 points to lead Cal. When Stanford pulls within a few points in the final minutes, Murry goes in for a pair of memorable dunks to clinch the victory.

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Baseball team swept by

The Cal baseball team fell to Arizona, 5-3, Sunday at Evans Dia-mond as the Wildcats swept the series from the Golden Bears.

cal had lost a continuation of Friday's game, 8-7, in 15 innings Saturday, and proceeded to lose Saturday's regularly scheduled game, 2-1, in 10 innings. The Bears (9-12, 0-3 Pac-10) had won eight straight games against the Wildcats (17-9, 3-0) before the series.

With the score, 5-1, Cal made a run in the bottom of the ninth by scoring two runs off Arizona pitcher Ryan Moskau. John Furstenthal had a one-out single and was later advanced to third on a two-out double by Barry Schell. Both Furstenthal and Schell scored on a two-run double by Dan Garfin.

Moskau was able to get the final out when Arizona shortstop Jake Thrower made an outstanding play on a ground ball up the middle by Cal's Juan Hernandez, throwing to first base on a close play to end the game. With the score, 5-1, Cal made a

The losing pitcher for the Bears was junior starter Doug Nickle (1-2), who threw a career-high 7.0 innings with four hits, three carned

runs, one walk and three strikeouts.

Furstenthal had two hits.
Cal next takes on No. 3 ranked
USC in a three-game series in Los
Angeles, March 7-9.

Swimmers Chiang, Overton going to NCAAs

The Cal women's swimming and diving team finished fourth at the Pac-10 Championships in Federal Way, Wash. Sunday with 911 points.

Way, Wash. Sunday with 911 points.

The Golden Bears trailed No. 1 Stanford (1,573), No. 5 USC (1,205) and No. 6 Arizona (1,090.5). It was Cal's best conference finish since the Bears placed third at the Pac-10 meet in 1993.

The No. 12 ranked Bears were led by sophomores Elli Overton and Marylyn Chiang. Overton placed second in 400 IM with a time of 4:14.09, automatically qualifying for the NCAAs. Chiang placed third in the 200 back (1:58.51) and placed third (54.85) in the 100 fly, also qualifying for the NCAAs.

the NCAAs.
Chiang (2:01.35) and Overton (2:01.37) placed second and third, respectively, in the 200 IM, both qualifying for NCAAs.

Freshman Anya Kolbisen took seventh in the 100 free (50.94) and eignth in the 200 free (1:50.11).

Kristin Imwalle placed seventh in the 1650 free (16:44.66), frosh Jenni Brelsford took fifth in the 100 breast (1:03.99) and frosh Waen Minpraphal placed fifth in the 200 fly (2:01.54).

Women's water polo team 3rd in Santa Barbara

The Cal women's water polo team defeated UC Davis, 10-6, for a third place finish at the UC Santa Barbara Tournament Sunday in Santa Barbara.

Junior Alisa von Hartitzsch led the Bears with five goals. In the morning match, the Golden West club team defeated the Bears, 7-6.

Saturday, Cal defeated USC, 7-3. The Bears were again led by von Hartitzsch and her sister Melanie. Alisa, a two-meter player, scored two goals in the first quarter, while sophomore driver Melanie helped the Bears with three goals in the fourth quarter.

ter.
In the afternoon match Saturday, the Bears blew out Michigan, 18-1. The leading scorer for Cal was two-meter freshman Colette Glinkowski, who tallied four

goals.
Cal (9-2), will next play UCLA March 6, at 5-p.m. at Spicker Aquatics Complex in Berkeley.

Ruggers trounce Chico

Cal's rugby squad had cause for celebration after beating Chico State, 74-3, Saturday, but the Bears took only a few minutes to savor the victory before turning their attention to next week's Stanford

attention to next week's Stanford game.

Despite injury-forced changes to their lineup, the Bears scored 11 tries as their, forward pack's power running, repeatedly forced breakdowns in the Wildcats' defense.

The loose forward trio of Kirk Khasigian, Mark Hilderbrand and Simon Terry-Lloyd did a good deal of the damage on attack and used their speed on defense to deny Chico any offensive momentum.

Cal Captain Kevin Dalzell was rewarded for a strong kicking game despite windy conditions (8-11 conversions plus a penalty) with a try late in the game. His was one of eight tries scored by the Bears' backline which, despite some timing problems caused by substitutions and position shifts throughout the match, was able to exploit the defensive disarray generated by their forward pack.

With the win, the Bears exorcised some of the disappointment of two losses to Canadian teams the previous week.

ATHLETES OF THE MONT



Albany's soccer Cougars to an impressive 15-5 record this season, good for a North Coast Section bid. The junior forward led Albany in total points, converting six goals and eight assists. Preisler added another goal in last week's near upset of Bishop O'Dowd in the NCS playoffs.



Jovan Harris

Costa Athletic League pick led the Gauchos in the round North Coast Section against Alhambra, can play small for- ward and both 9

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Albany baseball '97: How will young Cougars perform?

entity of Serpa's squad is understandably still ing. It wasn't until this esday that many of splayers were finished er sports, and ready to r attention to the dia-

ionally, Serpa has only yers returning from last am, which completed

the regular season in fifth place in the Alameda-Contra Costa Ath-letic League, just missing the play-

Albany should have a better a of where it stands after this

The Cougars coach was asked to take over in late January of last year, and immediately saw a need for continuity in a program that previously had gone through skippers at the rate Don Johnson goes through pastel T-shirts.

"I think we'll do much better than last year," Serpa said recently. "We'll be younger, and young clubs make mistakes, but I

The Cougars already know that they have a roster full of freshman and only two se-niors and one jun-

But Serpa said youth shouldn't be a detriment be-cause many of his

'I think we'll do much better than last year. We'll be younger, and young clubs make mistakes, but I think we'll improve. We'll just have to see

what we've got.'

–BOB SERPA, ALBANY BASEBALL COACH

huge potential. "This should be his year," Serpa said of Wirth. "He's got a pretty good pop on his ball." bany Little

"He's got a pretty good pop on ms ball."

Sophomore Ted Peterson-Smith should also see plenty of innings this spring, and joins classmates Robby Onweller and Todd Eagle in forming an impressive trio of young talent.

Shortstop Steve Nice is a transfer from De Anza, who Serpa believes, will provide the Cougars with consistently fine play up the middle. Chris Pierce is one of two Cougars football players. Pierce figures to play in right field and get some work on the mound.

Bruce Roberts is the other gridiron competitor. Roberts, also the starting point guard on the basketball team, is an exceptionally intense player, a tough leader who is capable of performing well at several positions.

performing well at several positions.

Certainly, it appears Albany couldemerge as an ACCAL contender, and remain that way as its young team develops over the next couple seasons. So perhaps it is not unreasonable to think that some day soon, when the Cougars are asked to stand up, it will be to accept the league championship trophy.

arris

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there. When you have out there. When you have that, you can use him in on the wing or at guard." Iting into the NCS playaccomplishment, considit this team has suffered

EC couldn't reap the

of seats (1,500), the site of their first round game got moved to their opponent's home.

round game got moved to their opponent's home.

That's why EC boarded a bus and traveled here to take on the Bulldogs, who got into the postseason with an at-large bid.

Playing large portions of the game with four sophomores, the Gauchos pulled away from Alhambra late in the fourth quarter with a 14-4 run.

Harris combined with fellow sophomores Andrew Gooden (14 points) and Emonte Jernigan (18 points) to score 22 of EC's 29 points in the final period. While Gooden dominated the game inside, Jernigan

spent most of the night splitting time between transition buckets and long-range bombs. The shooting guard hit three 3-pointers and had several breakaway layups.

The young team is not without its senior leadership, however. With 3:22 left in the fourth, Harris got whistled for a foul on Lawson as he attempted a 3-point shot. It was clearly a clean block. With Harris visibly upset and in danger of being assessed a technical foul, senior Donny Davis pulled him to halfcourt where he calmed the sophomore down.

sophomore down.
"Donny really stepped it up for us tonight and exhibited a lot of leadership," Huber said.

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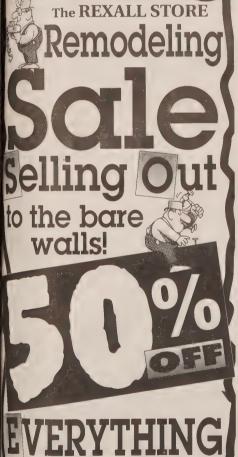


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Breasts In Berkeley? Heather Kaney, a transported New Yorker, was at Black Oak Books last Tuesday night, browsing the Mystery section.

"I looked down," she reports, "and there, sitting on the floor, were two bare-breasted women!"

The women were there to hear author Marilyn Yalom, who was at Black Oak that night reading from her new book, "A History of the Breast."

It turns out they're performance artists who buttonholed Yalom when she recently appeared at Stanford and asked if they could come to the Berkeley event and do their thing. And she agreed.

But you gotta say one thing for them: They may be exhibitionists, but they're discrete exhibitionists. Instead of sitting front row center, they sat off to the side, in the Mystery section.

As for Kaney, she took it all in stride. "Listen, I'm from New York, so nothing surprises me," she says. "Of course, you could never pull something like that in New York. It's too cold."

Yalom will make another appearance on March 16—this time at Cody's. Can the topless wonders be far behind?

Other Upcoming Events: As the Iditarod race continues in Alaska, the San Francisco Cacophony Society (the same folks who conducted a black-tie tour of the Oakland sewers last year, remember?) will host their own version, "the Third Annual Urban Idatarod,"

Society (the same folks who conducted a black-tie tour of the Oakland sewers last year, remember?) will host their own version, "the Third Annual Urban Idatarod," this Saturday. Teams of "dogs" (actually, people) will pull their "sleds" (actually, shopping carts) through some of San Francisco's most touristed areas.

"Complete teams and stray dogs are welcome," says organizer Tommy Tundra. If you want to participate, call him at (415) 853-1019... Berkeley's Ronnie Gilbert, the legendary folk singer (remember The Weavers?), will perform selections from her acclaimed play about Mother Jones, "American Agitator," next Thursday at St. John's Presbyterian Church. She'll be joined by author Dorothy Allison, who will read from her best-selling novel, "Bastard out of Carolina." (You mighthave seen the movie version on HBO last month.) It's a benefit for the Progressive Way, a United Way-type charity that focuses on more progressive organizations...Ben Treuhaft, the Berkeley piano tuner who has been waging a running battle with the State Department over his trips to Cuba to (horrors!) tune pianos, will be traveling again next Monday.

This time, he's off to Brazil, where the Brazilian branch of Steinway & Sons has asked him to come and tune their pianos. At this rate, Ben is conering the Latin American market. Mama would have been proud... And in case you missed the reference, his mom was the late, lamented muckraker Jessica Mitford...Hey, all you flat-top cats and dungaree dolls: Remember the "Dick Stewart Show?" It was a local version of "American Bandstand" that ran on Channel 5 from 1959 to 1962. Teenagers from all over the Bay Area appeared on the show and danced to the hot music of the day. And now they're going to have a reunion.

If you were one of the regular dancers on the program (and there were many), send your name, address and phone number to KPIX Dance Party Reunion, P.O. Box 32722, San Jose CA 95152-2722.

The reunion will be held June 12. Be there o be square.

Innocent Merriment: In case you can't wait for the great International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Bergreat International Gilbert & Sullivan resident in Bel-keley next June, The Lamplighters opened their spar-kling new production of G&S's masterpiece, "The Mikado," in San Francisco last weekend.

One of the highlights comes early in the first act, when KoKo, the Lord High Executioner, sings "I've Got A Little List" — a hit list of people he'd love to bump off. But for this production, director Barbara Heroux, formerly of the Berkeley Opera, has updated the lyrics.

the lyrics. Among the new victims:

There's the patron at the Symphony who hums along to Strauss

And that medal-winning gymnast with the voice like Mickey Mouse

And the fellow who says "Bless you!" right BE-

FORE you're going to sneeze,
And the Board who thinks Ebonics should be taught

And the Board who inthis Econics should be laught like Japanese.

Great, great fun all around, but a special kudo to Jonathan Spencer, who stole the show in the role of Pooh Bah. If you haven't been turned on to G&S yet, this delightful version of "The Mikado" is a great place

this delightful version of "The Mikado" is a great place to start.

The show will run at the Lindland Theater in San Francisco through the end of the month. Then they'll pack it up and move, lock, stock & kimono, to Walnut Creek, where it will start a two-week run on April 12 at the Dean Lesher Center for the Performing Arts.

They're doing this because more and more of the audience lives in the East Bay.

Likewise the cast. Chorus member Heidi Zender (Albany High '90, Cal '94), for instance, lives in Berkeley and teaches voice at the Crowden School. And she's just one of many.

And I'm happy to say that after years of my incessant nagging, The Lamplighters have finally made a recording of G&S highlights. The recording, "A Song to Sing, O!" is a vailable in both cassette and CD. You can find it at Footlights in Albany.

At last, I finally have something to play on my car's tape deck. O rapture!

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members of the public might be more hesitant to speak if they must "fill out a paper" (with name, address and item number they wish to address) and limit their

Grant Ricketts said now the public is not only asked

Grant Ricketts said now the public is not only asked "to put up but to shut up."

The conversation on issues will continue, even if in another forum, he said.

"This is our town as much as it is yours. That's why we ask questions about finances, traffic impacts and developer qualifications," said Peter Loubal, who also compared the council to a totalitarian government in a former Eastern Bloc country.

Resident Thom Stark does not see the rule as "an unreasonable approach to take" when a particular meeting's agenda is full or an item of great public interest is about to be discussed. Otherwise, he said, "it serves to arbitrarily restrict the exercise of free speech."

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Councilmembers say the change is designed to streamline meetings, which can run very long into the

This is especially critical when there are a large number of agenda items," said Jellison. "We want to give people interested in items coming up later on the agenda some assurance that we'll get to it before it's

too late."

The agenda Monday night was full. Those waiting to hear the presentation on El Cerrito Plaza scheduled for the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency had to wait over two hours to do so. Even with the three-minute limitation in force, the meeting did not end until about 11:45 p.m. At that point, the councilmembers still had to continue a closed session meeting.

Jellison also said the change only formalizes "what has been done on an informal basis" for some time.

That has been the case in public hearings on subjects of great interest or controversy in the community. In most meetings of the council/agency, however, no limitation has been set, though speakers are sometimes urged to stick to the subject at hand.

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Opponents basically addressed the time limitation. Stark also objected strongly to the separation of consent calendar comments from the items themselves. A member of the public may not now pull a consent item from the calendar for fuller discussion, as has been the

case in the past.

For several years, consent calendar items not otherwise pulled for discussion passed without council comment. Of late, Stark has been the resident most likely to pull a consent item off the agenda for comment or questions (following in the pattern sent by resident Beverley Gent). He also consistently asked for ortain more complicated consent items to be de-ribed for the benefit of the audience (including cable

TV viewers).

When Norman La Force was mayor, he began regularly giving short descriptions of all consent items the council had just passed. Jellison continued that tradition Monday night.

Stark would like consent items given a "full, free and fair discussion" when a member of the public has a particular concern or issue to raise. Though comments on the consent calendar are allowed during the open forum time (called 'oral communication from the nublic' in El Cerrito). Stark noted that they would then

open forum time (called "oral communication from the public" in El Cerrito), Stark noted that they would then be "...unconnected with the comments of other people." Practices regarding consent calendar items vary. In the City of Oakland, which tends to have long, well-attended meetings, any citizen may indicate his or her desire to speak on a consent item on a speaker's card which must be turned in prior to the meeting. That item will then be pulled for discussion. The same practice is

employed in Concord, another large,

council meetings.

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In general, the El Cerrito City Co. following a West County trend. Two citizen's behalf allowers were the county trend. Two citizen the policies in the past year. In the mean mayor has requested changes and has the development of a written policy that extent practiced already.

When numerous speakers are in allowers a particular item, comments are not three minutes. According to a former trend comments in those situations had always mally limited to three or five minutes.

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Hercules continues to allow unlimited during meetings that don't spark such in interest. The City of Pinole has also recent new policy. Pinole allows three minute forum and agenda comments, five minute heaving items.

forum and agenda comments, free manual hearing items.

Jellison told the audience that before in new procedure, staff had been asked to be the Brown Act (which governs public accernment meetings and information) and who other areas. Such time limit practices a state of the stat

Stark responded that he finds what oth irrelevant. He change, he says, is not the waracy has been practiced in El Cerrito."

Eastshore

formed. While existing property tax continues being filtered through the state, any increase brought on by either a sale of property or an increase in value would go to the agency.

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Funds must be spent within the project area on, for example, capital improvements such as sidewalk, storm drains or sewer repair. Also, 20 percent must go to affordable housing anywhere within the city limits.

Between 1984 and 1994, Albany experienced a 37 percent decline in sales tax revenue, a major factor in the desire to pursue redevelopment.

Among the issues brought up Monday night: improved access on the Buchanan Street/I-80 interchange, inclusion of Cleveland Avenue in the proposed project area, and the use of "condemnation" on Eastshore Highway. If the agency moves forward with the plan, the next step, Fields said, would involve the council creating a project area in the next couple months.

One of the major issues in proposed redevelopment involves improved freeway access to the Eastshore Highway area. According to Community Development Director Bill Ekern, the city is currently working with Caltrans to provide access to the area in conjunction with the I-80 freeway project.

"They are working with us now on the design," Ekern said. "They are interested in pursuing it."

Caltrans, however, has not made any commitment to do so, Fields said.

Also at issue is the inclusion of Cleveland Avenue in the project area, a move some business owners have objected to. According to Fields, the area would be included because infrastructure improvements such as sidewalks, sewers and streetlights are needed, but the

sidewalks, sewers and streetlights are needed, but the

city has no money to fund them.

Also, because of redevelopment law, no more than 20 percent of land within a project area can be vacant. Eastshore Highway by itself would be close to that amount, Fields said.

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If and when a redevelopment plan is drafted, it will include language prohibiting the use of eminent domain/condemnation on Cleveland Avenue.

Whether such legal authority could be used on Eastshore is another question, brought up Monday by John Piggot, owner of the Willanco property, the largest of three parcels along the front section of the proposed redevelopment site. While the Southern Pacific parcel provides much space for building, one problem is that it has very little frontage.

Fields said Monday that because of such access issues, the use of eminent domain/condemnation "may

issues, the use of eminent domain/condemnation "may be favorable," adding that, "whether it's used or not is

After the meeting, Fields said existing business could be relocated within the redevelopment area, and that the agency would most likely seek a solution agreeable to all. For example, if one property owner did not want to relocate, another might be more will-

ing.
"I don't think the Redevelopment Agency is interested in condemnation," Fields said. "We're interested in working with the property owners on a mutually agreeable sale if and when we come to that point."

As for the sale of the Southern Pacific parcel itself,

Frank Ridley, a senior sales manager with the railroad giant, said something could be in the works in the next

undergoing a merger with Union Pacific.
The agency also heard from redeveloney Karen Tiedemann, who said that if it begin the process this summer, the first redollars would roll in around January, 195

Tiedemann also responded to the concer of Mayor Bob Good and Albany resident least a sked what would happen if the agency flow asked to do improvements in the area and the busing moved in went belly up.

"I think it is worthwhile to ask, 'What if unry Convers' Good said.

Tiedemann said that, as the agency would out bonds, the agency, whose only revenued the reallocated property tax dollars, would opposed to the General Fund. Also, she said of no redevelopment agency that ever had to

"The investors in New York City are then lose the money?" Good asked. Tiedemans was indeed the case. Also, the economic regests a pay-as-you-go approach as opposed to be a decomposed to the control of the case of the case

bonds.

If a project area is not formed and the sed developed anyway, Fields said the agency was out on the opportunity to grab additional project dollars. "It won't accrue to the city unless year project area around it," he said.

Among the proposed businesses: a furniture, such as Ikea, an entertainment center and a service mall. Regardless of what course of any agency takes, redevelopment would not bear fine some time.

"This is really for future council fashion," Fields said.

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- * linkage between the BART plaza and the town
- * residential uses near the BART station; *Fairmount Avenue to be developed as a mixed-use
- connections to north and south neighborhoods; San Pablo Avenue storefront commercial devel-

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At Saturday's meeting, residents were asked to play with the site plan and its various potential elements. Several speakers at Monday night's meeting questioned whether the stage had been set for certain scenarios since, for example, housing "blocks" were available for placement on the site and theater blocks were not. They believe the question of housing at the Plaza is still an open issue and noted that there have been numerous calls for a Plaza theater from members of the community.

ncilmembers and some other residents see mar Retrate housing as a necessary component of any new Plaza from a financing perspective. They also noted that some workshop groups put in theaters and other elements though no appropriate planning blocks were

In general, the workshop format seems to be well-received in the community, though resident Peter Louba said the experimentation with different placements for Plaza elements was a "rather meaningless game." He said newcomers enjoyed the game and indicated that old-timers were being "led by the nose." At one point, he compared participants to kindergartners in a toy store.

Loubal also implied that many, or all, participants

had been "brainwashed" through the participatory ex-ercises into not questioning the financing that will be needed for completion of the project. Resident Thom Stark had a different opinion on the

Resident Thom Stark had a different opinion on the proceedings. Stark originally opposed Wilton/Ternanomics as a good choice for developer of the Plaza. He said he was "greatly encouraged" Saturday to see the developer's openness to public input. "I felt there was a great deal of listening going on. Some of the key ideas expressed at the first set of public meetings ... had returned to the preliminary tenanting plan," he said, referring especially to those ideas which see the Plaza "set around a core of lifestyle and entertainment uses."

nment uses." Stark believes involved residents still have a great desire to see a "smaller scale, multiplex" theater at the Plaza to serve as an anchor, along with the media store already incorporated into the preliminary site plan.

Stark also agrees with the council's stance that it is too early in the process to talk hard numbers for the

too early increase to many imponderables in the issue of financing the project at this point," he said. "...we don't know the site assembly costs, the legal costs and who the sign-on-the-dotted line tenants will be."

Stark said any issuance of number projections could make misleading at this point.

Stark said any issuance of number projections could only be misleading at this point.

He also sees the issue of "the amount and character of housing" as "far from settled and a done deal in the community." Resident Anne Delehunt agrees.

Delehunt told the council that her group (formed Saturday) voted against housing at the Plaza and included the provided housing block in the plan only out of deference to one group member who supported it. Thus her group's report "makes it look like consensus" when it was not, she said.

Delehunt also believes the issue of the issue of the structure is still an open one for residents, whore see it as an appropriate component of the cent "housing and small boutiques." She is concern the reported workshop results may not reflet "consensus of what the people want."

In council discussion, mayor pro tem Non Force called the housing component "absolute call to get (the project) to work, to get the

cal to get (the project) to work ... to development I hear people talking about cial standpoint. He believes a housing plan is a consensus item in the communication of the control of the

"None of us are going to get everything the Plaza," said Agency Chair Mae Ritz, re the same issues and calling for compromis I think we are going to go forward with down there that everyone can be proud of Ritz believes the development team res

to the principles set out by participating res Board member Jane Bartke noted that p added elements they wanted at the workshop ing on the blocks provided. New items in office building, day care facilities, a theat

office building, day care facilities, a theater a brary.

"I don't think people felt restrained," she saw Councilmembers mentioned two specific conto be addressed further along in the planning for the need to work with creek restoration special enhancing Cerrito Creek and the importance of ing with Albany's residents in planning for a Placis welcoming to residents living south of it.

Wilton/ Terranomics is expected to return Agency March 17 with a more formal site place of the place of the place of the RAC and Acc.

reflects the input received at the RAC and meetings and at the Saturday workshop.

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Paramedics

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claimed her life. Albany paramedics have responded

"Simple words can't express the enormity of what these wonderful people do," Mason said as her daughter stood by her side. "The simple fact is that I wouldn't be here tonight if they had to come just a few blocks further, if they weren't expertly trained and experienced in saving lives...I can't incagine anyone even

considering cutting back their services. What price can

Also speaking on behalf of the ballot measure was Albany resident Jean Safir, who urged the council and community to rally around the assessment.

"We're all in a very pocketbook conscious mode these days," Safir said. "Ithink the council really needs

to be out there beating the bushes (in favor of the ballot measure)." The council then placed the measure on the

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

ley Writers at Work Series

Arakaki, one of the foremost nationally recognized scholars illural studies, will be the first writer featured in the Berkeley at Work series on Thursday, March 6 from noon-1 p.m. ill read from his works in the Morrison Library, 101 Doe on the UC Berekeley campus. The grandson of Japanese iplantation laborers, Takaki is a Professor of Ethnic Studies exp, where he has taught for two decades. His 1989 book, from a Different Shore: A History of Asian Americans, several awards including the Gold medal for non-fiction by nonwealth Club of California and was selected by the New season Review as one of the notable books of 1989. Among works are A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural (1993), Violence in the Black Imagination (1971) and a Why America Dropped the Bomb (1995). For more and the series, call 642-5570.

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other with shared facilities such as childcare, dining, offices,
ups, and safe outdoor play areas, with environmentally sensiign—all in a community you helped to design and manage,
alternatives like this will be described by the authors of
ung: A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves, Kathryn
and and Charles Durett, in a slide show and lecture presentation
March 12 at 7 p.m. The presentation will take place at The
ing Company, 1250 Addison No.113 (at Bonar), Berkeley,
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McCamant and Charles Durett. Twenty-four communities
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Cowell Centennial Concert

outment of Music at UC Berkeley will celebrate the centen-try Cowell's birth with a concert entitled "The Heritage of well: 1897-1997" with works by Cowell, Charles Seeger, ford and Charles Ives on Sun. March 9, 3 p.m. at Hertz Hall,

keley.

ell was a Bay Area native, a composer and pianist of internature. As a young man he toured throughout America, Europe san and was both renowned and reviled for his audacious solo neces which, through their extravagant use of hand and arm, plucking and strumming the strings inside the instrument, anew language for the piano in the early part of the century. was America's most energetic and influential proponent of porary music through his publications of new works. Virtually guificant composer in America during his lifetime was publicated to the pianous description of the composer and musicologist mided the Music Department at Berkeley. He deeply influenced is development as a composer. Tickets are \$8 and can be seingthurned from the 2 distances.



lor Bach Festival coming to town

speh-Goteiner, (above), will play Chaconne, Bach's most work for solo violin, in the opening Junior Bach Festival for Thursday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Congrega-church in Berkeley. The festival features 100 young musicians

Breaking through Asian American stereotypes

Theater company features one-acts at La Peña Center By Janie Har

In an effort to reach a younger and more geographically varied audience, the Asian American Theater Company (AATC) is featuring an evening of one-acts by new playwrights this weekend at La Peña Cultural Center in Berke-

La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley.

First up is Diana Son's R.A.W.

('Cause I'm a Woman), an abstract, spoken word composition that battles the stereotypes of Asian American women as exotic, submissive and mysterious.

"R.A.W. deals with issues some Asian Americans face in this country, being both Asian and female," said Kaz Kim, one of the actors in the play. She said despite what some may think, "We're not Oriental sex fetish objects."

But Kim explained that the 20-minute piece, directed by AATC's Artistic Director Karen Amano, isn't an exercise in hateful men-

Artistic Director Karen Amano, isn't an exercise in hateful menbashing. Humor, scorn and genuine puzzlement are used to illustrate the concerns of four young, Raunchy Asian Women (hence the acronym R.A.W.). Included in the



R.A.W. actors Maria Lin. Suz Takeda, Kaz Kim, Karen Lee (left to right)

diverse quartet is a lesbian who, unable to convince anyone of her sexual preference, laments, "A good looking gal should not have to spin her own bean as often as I do."

Also in search of a love life is a woman who placed an ad in the personals, describing herself as a Single Asian Female. Unfortunately, would-be suitors came calling only to find that she wasn't the

lovely, thin, almond-eyed, raven-tressed Asian they had pictured. Next up it's Yongsoo Park's Free Country, a darker, unflinch-ing peek into the lives of three Korean American brothers after the murder of their parents in their Queens grocery store. They include an embittered eldest who has sacrificed his ambitions to care for his teenage siblings, an academically overachieving middle

child and the youngest, a street-smart youth who peddles drugs for a living.

Closing the evening is Kitty Hashimoto, a light and fun 15-minute spoof of television infomercials and Asian stereo-types. Written by Oakland native Suz Takeda, who also stars as the Suz Takeda, who also stars as the title character, Kitty's an Avon

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A gift for gab; Berkeley author hits the big screen

By Tiller Russell

Barry Gifford has done everything I want to Barry Gifford has done everything I want to do. He's written poetry, short stories, novels, non-fiction and screenplays. Most recently, he co-wrote the script for Lost Highway, David Lynch's new film, which opened in theaters across the nation last Friday.

When I found out that Gifford was a Berkley resident, I had to talk to him. So, I set up an interview and zipped over to his studio on Bancroft Way armed with a tape recorder and long list of questions.

Not knowing what

Not knowing what to expect, I sauntered upstairs past the Lost Highway poster into a funky, little low-ceilinged room. The ceilinged room. The floor was paint-splattered and the walls were plastered with post-cards and newspaper clippings. The few pieces of beat-up furniture in the room were piled high with manuscripts. A small jam-box on a green cot jetted out a st

green cot jetted out a stream of jazz like a fire

green cot jetted out a stream of jazz like a fire hydrant in mid-summer.

Gifford was standing at his desk shuffling papers in blue jeans and a gray sweat-shirt. He had the solid posture of a former jock. When I entered, he turned and trained his intense hazel eyes on me, shaking my hand with a firm grip. For an hour and a half I fired off questions which he fielded with the poise of a professional short-stop.

Gifford's formative years would make a great Dylan song: born in a hotel room in

great Dylan song: born in a hotel room in Chicago, the son of a racketeer and a beauty queen, he rambled after his parents who lived in hotels from Florida to Illinois, Key West,

Miami, New Orleans, Jackson, Mississippi, Havana, Cuba and back to Chicago. Gifford revisits those fascinating, if troubling, years in his forthcoming memoir, the Phantom

Throughout this peripatetic childhood, he was split between the North and South. It left him feeling rootless and alone. The only stable

companionship he had was the entourage of gangster types that surrounded his father. He studied their elliptical conversations

conversations, cultivating a sharp ear for dialogue.

"Those years were my university as a writer. I studied their words and what was behind their words," he said." Precause he said, "because they spoke in riddles. And I started writing

early on."
At 11, he wrote At 11, he wrote his first "juvenile novel." At 21, his first book of poems was published in England..

Gifford came to the Bay Area in the late 60's after a couple years of cruising through Europe as a musician. He arrived seeking a ship to the far east, but the hipster scene (which had not yet been co-opted by the which had not yet been co-opied by the media, he was quick to point out) hooked him. He decided to stay. After bouncing around the Bay Area, the wanderer finally found a place to plant roots and raise a family: Berkeley.

He worked as a truck driver, a merchant campan and a longer. The physical labor was a family and a longer.

seaman and a logger. The physical labor was exhausting but it kept his mind clear to

ood & Wine bogged down by blood & gore

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evolves around. Too much

Actually, Blood & Wine starts Actually, Blood & Wine starts off impressively. The screenplay, by Rafelson, Nick Villiers, and Alison Cross, is tightly written, with the characters and their relationships revealed neatly and clearly. I do get tired of films in which it takes an hour to figure out who's doing what to whom simply because the screenwriters seem intent on making 2 + 2 = 7. Within minutes, we know that Alex is unhappily married to Suzanne (Davis), whose first hushand has died, and that Suzanne's late-teen-to-early-twentyish son,

late-teen-to-early-twentyish son, Jason (Stephen Dorff), is more than disenchanted with his stepfa-ther. We also learn that Alex is

getting it on with Gabrielle, the Reese family's sexy Cuban namy. And that Gabrielle isn't the first woman he's fooled around with iship on these affairs, thus com-ing near to bankrupting his wine business, which was financed with Suzanne's first husband's life in-

Suzanne's first husband's life insurance money.

I was also impressed by cinematographer Newton Thomas Sigel's lighting. Sigel loves shafts of light-over the sea at sunrise, in a darkened room. The actors' faces are illuminated in ways that accentuate the mood and the action. But movicepers cannot live. tion. But moviegoers cannot live by lighting alone. After Alex, in

league with British ex-con and league with British ex-con and safe-cracker Victor Spansky (Michael Caine), arranges to resolve his financial tangle by stealing a chandelier-size diamond necklace from the Reeses' safe, all hell breaks loose. A head is smashed with a poker, another head is pounded against a tree; a body is rammed with a boat; the least nasty maneuver — the least body is rammed with a boat; the least assty maneuver — the least bloody, anyway — is a murder by smothering

You'll see less gore in a month's worth of "ER" episodes.

Blood & Wine is Bob Rafelson's eighth film with Nicholson, of which Rafelson has directed five, Five Easy Pieces,

The King of Marvin Gardens, and The Postman Always Rings Twice being the most memorable. "I think of this film as a part of a trilogy of studies of dysfunctional families The central relationship is a battleground between a father and son, or a stepfather and stepson in this case," Rafelson is quoted in the press kit. That relationship is indeed central to the story, and it's subtly played out

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Stephen Dorff's Jason is a
complex character-alienated and angry, yet innocent and intent on doing the right thing. Gabrielle,

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Peter Sellars; a theatrical visionarv

By Carol Egan

Peter Sellars, one of the world's most imaginative and controversial theatre and opera directors, is spending the spring semester at UC Berkeley as one of three Avenali Lecturers on campus. Sponsored by the Townsend Center for the Humanities, Avenali Lecturers are leading scholars in a variety of fields.

This semester's group includes, in addition to Sellars, historian Natalie Zemon Davis and Czech writer, Ivan Klima, As the title for his Avenali Lecture which takes place March 13 at 8 p.m. in Wheeler Auditorium, Sellars chose "Get Real: The Arts as a Social and Economic Force in Post-NEA America."

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chose "Get Real: The Arts as a Social and Economic Force in Post-NEA America."

Perhaps best known for his innovative direction of Mozart, as well as contemporary operas such as "Nixon in China" and "The Death of Klinghoffer" (both by John Adams and Alice Goodman), Sellars' previous experience on the Berkeley campus was in 1995, during the rehearsals and performances of another John Adams work, "I Was Looking at the Ceiling and Then I Saw the Sky" (libretto by June Jordan), which he directed. The work premiered in Zellerbach Playhouse, partly commissioned by CAL Performances, then went on to tour successfully to Montreal. Lincoln Center in New York, the Edinburgh and Helsinki Festivals, Paris and Hamburg.

Sellars has not been restrict-

Sellars has not been restrict-Sellars has not been restricting himself to direction, however. From 1988 to 1994 he assumed the enormous task as Artistic Director of the Los Angeles Festival. Since 1989 he has been a Visiting Professor at UCLA's Theater Arts Department and World Arts and Culture Program. The courses he has been teaching at UCLA are now being offered at Berkeley through the Center for Theater Arts and Undergraduate and Interdisciplinary Studies. This reporter recently visited his fourhour long lecture seminar entitled reporter recently visited his four-hour long lecture seminar entitled "Art as Social Action," which explores worldwide trends in the arts, relating them closely to political, social and economic events in their respective lands.

The scope of Sellars' interests, apparent when he lectures, includes world affairs, cultural politics, literature and, of course.

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lady from hell and a "famous" actress memorable for playing gei-sha girl number two in Shogun, as well as numerous bit roles in H2-waii 5-O and MASH. She promwaii 5-O and MASH. She promises "ancient secrets of the Orient" through her Sushi Beauty Regimen, which includes wasabi wax to strip away unsightly facial hair and silky soft blocks of tofu anti-wrinkle cream. "Call 55-KITTY now," she hawks breathlessly in an exaggerated and unidentifiable Asian accent, "and receive your free gift of Dragon Lady Lee Press-On Nails." What's so different about these one-acts, according to Amano, is

what's so different about these one-acts, according to Amano, is that issues such as sexism, racism, family relationships, and dating are viewed from the perspective of young Asian American adults today who were born in the United States or else immigrated as young children. The audience is assumed to be much like the

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receive the images or fragments of dialogue that would grow into novels or poetry.

"The work would grow out of the smallest things," he said.
"For example, The Sinaloa Story [his forthcoming novel from Harcourt Brace Press] developed out of a single image—a man who sees a flash of lightening while driving across a desert landscape. I asked myself who is this guy? Why is he here? And it took off from there. It became a novel."

Early on, Jack London and Joseph Conrad loomed large in his literary horizon.

"They were physical men, adventurers. They traveled and acquired diverse experiences. And their lives had been influenced by the sea, with which I strongly identified. And London was largely selfeducated, as am I." (Gifford spent one year at the University of Missouri, where he concentrated more on baseball than academics.)

He inherited a sense of

Gifford-

three playwrights: pop culture-lit-erate individuals in their 20s and 30s who are fully accustomed to the sexually frank talk in R.A.W

the sexually frank talk in R.A.W. and the profanity in Free Country.

"It's something you can't see in the mainstream theater and there's really nothing like it in Asian American theater," Amano said, adding that the new genre doesn't concentrate so much on "traditional" themes, like Asians struggling to prove themselves as authentic Americans, or focus on historical subjects such as the historical subjects such as the forced relocation and internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

World War II.

The younger playwrights are more concerned instead with a complaint voiced by Kim, "We never see Asian Americans in normal, everyday situations."

Young and enthusiastic crowds sold out performances of R.A.W. and Free Country every night of their two-week run in January at San Francisco's New Langton Arts. Kim said the completed au-

own style with the pen. An acute memory and belief in himself were his two main tools. He branched out from poetry into other forms, such as short stories and novels (which have now been translated into 15 languages). With his increasing success as a writer of fiction, clifford hean to get journalistic.

Gifford began to get journalistic

Gifford began to get journalistic offers.

Collaborating with Lawrence Lee in 1978, he produced Jack's Book: An Oral Biography of Jack Kerouac. Five years later, Gifford and Lee teamed up once again to write a biography of William Saroyan.

Tracing the trajectory of Gifford's 30 years as an author, one notices a sharp upswing in recent years. While all of his novels have remained in print, the Sailor and Lula stories (a series of eight novellas) brought Gifford his most wide-spread critical acclaim.

Initially, the Sailor and Lula stories achieved their greatest popularity in Europe, which brought his work to the attention of American critics. Since then, he has remained in the spotlight with Night People, Perdita

dience questionnaires indicated most viewers were thrilled because they had never seen a play written, directed and performed entirely by Asian Americans.

Since its founding in 1973, AATC has produced American plays written and staged by artists of Asian descent. And although Asian Americans have become more visible in mainstream media, the company still remains one of the few places nationwide where such dramatists can develop their craft and promote accurate, where such dramatists can develop their craft and promote accurate, comprehensive portraits of Asian Americans. Because the produc-tions are also meant to enlighten and educate, it's not surprising that AATC has a substantial fol-

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As of now, AATC might not survive to see its 25th season next year. Lack of funding, including decreasing monies from the Na-tional Endowment for the Arts, forced the company to vacate its permanent theater space in San Francisco last summer. But rent-

Durango and Baby Cat-Face. Gifford frankly admits that he

ing performance space hasn't been all bad, for it allows the company to bring its productions to venues like La Peña and reach an audi-

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ence it might not have otherwise. With the death of AATC, however, Asian American thespians of tomorrow won't have access to the opportunities that helped launch the careers of prominent playwrights such as Philip Kan Gotanda and David Henry Hwang. Pamela Wu, Executive Director for the past four years, said, "If there's no AATC, then young Asian American playwrights and actors won't have the opportunity to get better, and then they won't have the resume to audition with at the bigger theaters."

Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$13 for general admission. Student, senior and group rates are also available. Call (510) 849-2568.

Durango and Baby Cat-Face.
Gifford frankly admits that he came into his own beginning with Sailor and Lula.

"I feel as though I really found my voice with the Sailor and Lula stories. It was funny, because one day I just heard this conversation in my head between two people. And 700 pages later, I had the Wild Life of Sailor and Lula."

Gifford's novels are known for their colorful characters whose snappy dialogue rings true and their strikingly visual style. It's not surprising that his work has been leaping from the page to the big screen at such a febrile pace of late.

First came Wild at Heart in '89, which David Lynch based on Gifford's Sailor and Lula series and which garnered a Palm d'Or at Cannes. Lost Highway hit the theaters last Friday. And Perdita Durango (based on the novel), which stars Rosie Perez as the title character, is due out in September. Also, look for

wrote for Matt Dillon's directorial debut. And that's not even counting And that's not even counting the screenplays which have been purchased but have gotten tangled up in the barbed wire of Hollywood before they could be produced. Among the latter is a screenplay of Kerouac's On the Road, commissioned by Francis

Ford Coppola.

When asked about the ovels and screenplays, Gifford replied, "The only thing they have in common is that they both necessitate the use of both necessitate the use of words. They are totally different, which is why I like working with directors. The directors can focus on the technical aspects, like camera angles and lighting, and I can work on the dialogue."

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When asked if he would consider trying his hand at directing, Gifford smiled enigmatically and said: "It's a

The screenplay for Lost Highway is from Faber and Faber at bookstores throughout the Bay Area.

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p.m. Conversations on International Affairs — 9:30

Friday March 7, 1997 Producers — 6 p.m.

Dance Chance Presents: Capeoira — 6:30 p.m.
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Italy Part 1 — 7 p.m.
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Bay Area Country Videos

8:30 p.m. The Coffeehouse: Pasternak & Glenn/Mark & Art — 9

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Saturday March 8, 1997 Who's In My Kitchen? Cocktail Show — 6 p.m. On The Move: Life Without Limits — 6:30 p.m. The Coffeehouse: Wild Ranguet — 7 p.m. Bouquet — 7 p.m. Bay Views — 7:30 p.m. A Little Latin Music — 8:30 Talks by Michael Parenti —

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News From the Front 10:30 p.m.

freedom from Kerouac and the Beats and began carving out his Sellars

than academics.)
He inherited a sense of

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all forms of art. Each class begins with a half hour of musical examples. Last week's topic, West and South Africa, also included a field trip to the Baaba Maal concert at Zellerbach and a reading assignment, "Bessie Head's Tales of Tenderness and Power."

The apparent informality of the class is misleading. Sellars, recognizable from afar by his unique electrified hairdo and bright orange work shirt, moves easily to and fro from CD player to blackboard to desk. Though he is simultaneously selecting muto blackboard to desk. Inough he is simultaneously selecting music, working the CD, and writing the names of contemporary African musicians and visual artists on the board, he still takes time to talk to students individually, considerably to proper and projects. talk to students individually, conferring about papers and projects or just sharing information and experiences. Occasionally, however, he freezes, engrossed in a particular musical moment. The room is filled with a sense of mutual respect and collective creations. tual respect and collective cre-

The syllabus for "Art as Social Action" states in part, "As we con-tinue collectively to reach a series of social, political and environ-mental impasses, increasingly it is the artist who is in a position to

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the woman who inadvertently comes between father and son, is played by Jennifer Lopez with just the right mixture of trashiness and sensitivity. But the film veers away from its focus on the characters and theme-simply put, that "there's no honor among thieves" - to wallow in gore. When the Nicholson character sewed up his own gashed eyebrow with needle and thread, I knew the picture was in trouble.

A couple of fights and a few quarts of blood less, and Blood & Wine would have been a neat, amusing thriller.

initiate the first steps on the road to a breakthrough. What, in our period, constitutes an artist's responsibility? In what ways is art qualified to engage in direct political actions? This course will treat the tension between the powers of this world and the powers of art."

Using as an example of the

nine writers from many different lands, includes works by Dostoevsky, Hazmat Inayat Khan Clarice Lispector, Kenzaburo Oe Bessie Head and Ivan Klima, fel low-Avenali Lecturer who wil visit later in the semester and read from his book "Beyond Ideolo-gies and Enemies' Lists." Such guests, as well as slides, video

Sears Rosse Pete 2s due out in September. Also, look for Gifford's name in the credits for City of Ghosts, which he co-

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artist's role in and responsibility artist's role in and responsibility toward society, Sellars plays a recent composition by Baaba Maal, a master griot from Senegal. Maal sings about the 1994 devaluation of the African CFA (franc) by the World Bank, and what a disaster it has been for the African people. Comparing this form of communication with western media, Sellars says "Imagine that on the news every night." that on the news every night."

The reading list, consisting of

and film showings, and performances add to the liveliness of the

class.

In contrast to this lecture course, Sellars' interdisciplinary process seminar entitled "The Invisible World," presents a series of assignments to be worked out by the students in pairs and small groups. The participants, carefully selected from a large group which auditioned, include undergraduate and graduate students from a

wide range of disciplines. Each week they work together in dif-ferent groups, exploring the as-signed problem from diverse viewpoints. Investigating the sacred and mystical traditions in art while deepening their awareness of the creative process, they approach the tasks from a multitude of interests. The reading for this class is the "Flower Ornament Sutra," a first century Buddhist

Not one to rest on his laurels Sellars continues to undertake a variety of interesting and international professional projects. Commuting between London, Beijing, Salzburg, Los Angeles, and Berkeley he is currently planning projects with several Chinese artprojects with several Chinese artists, premiering a revised Ligeti opera at Salzburg, and possibly making a film of his controversial production, "The Merchant of Venice Beach," his reaction to the LA uprising. There may also be another project with June Jordan in the offing.

Judging from the enthusiasm of his students, it is clear that Peter Sellars has much to offer the Berkeley community

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Correction

The review of Berkeley Repertory Theatre's production "Macbeth" in the Feb. 27 edition misidentified the act "Macbeth" in the Feb. 27 edition misidentified the actor plays Lady Macbeth. Lady Macbeth is being played by L Caldwell. Lisa Wolpe, wrongly identified as Lady Machethe review, plays Lady Macduff. We regret the error.



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houses for marketing and the time frame within which they should do their fixing and painting.

Usually the buyers were ready before the sellers, so when a really fantastic house came on the market, there would be a flurry, the house might receive two or three offers, and then things would settle down again. The pace would gradually build until there would be a strong April, May, June, then things would settle into the summer doldrums.

The last couple of years the pro-

cess heated up a little. There was a shortage of properties for sale, the likelihood of multiple offers rose somewhat. Last year prices went up a good bit in the nicer parts of Berkeley, the Rockridge and Montclair.

keley, the Rockridge and Montclair.

This year demand is going through the roof. Well qualified buyers are out in force very early in the season. The last house we listed last year, a spiffy four bedroom on Martin Luther King, drew three offers after the first open house even though that open house was during the first week of December, a time when buyers have usually abandoned house hunting for the holidays.

days.

The first house we listed this year drew 10 offers after the first open house, at which over 120 parties came through. This house was a well built, but not updated, four bedroom Craftsman just east of the North Berkeley BART station.

Meanwhile local real estate offices are ringing with stories of multiple offers. Nine offers on a house in the Elmwood, eight offers on a house in Albany; five on a house in central Berkeley, nine on one house

in North Berkeley; six offers on another, five on an updated more expensive house just down the street from our 10-offer house the previ-ous week. All these events in Feb-

ruary.

This spate of multiple offers seems largely due to the absence of properties for sale. The economy is doing well. The East Bay is still an affordable alternative to San Francisco, Marin and the Peninsula. Many new companies are settling into the area, bringing new employees with them.

The message to sellers is clear. If you have been considering selling your house, don't dillydally. This doesn't mean you should rush to market without proper preparation. A well presented house will bring a better price more quickly than a poorly presented house. But we would encourage you not to take your time. A good pool of buyers is demonstrably out there.

Not the least of the reasons most real estate agents would like to see more properties come on the market is the universal sympathy we all feel towards the would-be buyers

we are working with. In order to be more effectively competitive in a multiple offer situation, many people hire inspectors to look at the property before they write their of-fer. They can then write their offer without an inspection contingency.

This strategy works. It reassures the seller that the buyers know what they're trying to buy. The last thing sellers want is to have a number of people interested in buying their houses, to pick out one to get into contract with, and then to have that party withdraw after finding out something they didn't expect.

Another angle in this sellers' fear

something they didn't expect.

Another angle in this sellers' fear is that a prospective buyer could make a compelling offer and then ask for a long list of repairs or price reductions as the return for removing their inspection contingency. In either case the rest of the prospective buyers might have moved on to other properties.

The tragedy of the multiple offer situation is that of the many buyers who might have paid for inspections of any given property, only one set of buyers will wind up in contract. The others will just have seen their money go down the drain.

This situation is currently giving rise to much controversy in the real estate community. Here again "Berserkley" is the appropriately descriptive word. Everyone has an opinion on the question.

Some people want to prohibit pre-inspections. Someone suggested buyers pool their resources and have one inspection which would be paid for by the winning buyers. Many other more or less reasonable ideas are flying around.

The fact remains that a preinspection is a time honored method of making a strong offer. When they happened rarely, no one thought of them as anything except a smart strategy. Now, with five, six, eight, nine sets of disappointed buyers per hot property, some being disappointed more than one time, the state of affairs is taking on monumental proportions.

time, the state of affairs is taking on monumental proportions.

Naturally this too shall pass. In the meantime you can perform a good deed for humankind: Put your house up for sale.

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Getting involved in your communol

'We understand we can not ask law enforcement alone to shoulder the

burden. We as citizens must also be

This article originally appeared in 1995. Its truths still apply today. If you'd like to get involved in making your neighborhood safer, start by attending this weekend's

News of declining property valnews of decining property var-ues are a topic among real-estate professionals in the 90s. Sometimes, though, falling prices are tied not just to a weak economy, but to a lack of interest in the shape of the community itself.

There are ways of turning things around. I know. I saw it done in Oakland's Laurel District—on my

street.

Like so many other neighborhoods in Oakland, mine is a fragile one in need of much care and attention. I've already walked the road on which apathy lies and I don't wish to tread it again. For apathy led to neglect, drugs, guns and finally death

Once I was afraid, ashamed, and

Once I was afraid, ashamed, and very angry. Drug dealers with their gold chains and fancy cars had made no secret of the guns they carried as they used my street for their illegal activities. But I did nothing.

The same landlord who tolerated a drug house had used our street as a junk yard for seven of his unregistered cars. There were so many abandoned cars on our block that the street sweeper became inef-

many abandoned cars on our block that the street sweeper became ineffective. But I did nothing.

The same landlord who allowed the drug house and who littered our street with his abandoned cars had rented to people who slept all day and partied all night. Their screaming kept us all awake. But I did nothing.

rented their properties to drug dealers, while a third, a local church, let

its property get so run down that the street looked like a slum.

The message was clear. The criminals could make themselves at home on my street because no-one cared. Gunfire, screaming drunks, screeching tires, and blasting stereos became normal accented be

screeching tires, and biasting stereos became normal, accepted behavior, until the murders.

One morning at 1:20, gunfire caused more than the "normal" reaction with a police helicopter, five or six police cars and two dead

bodies. Finally, I did something.

I called my Council Member, Dick Spees, and Oakland Police Department's (OPD) Chief of Police Joseph Samuels. Spees introduced me to Christine Ralls. Samuels put me in touch with Sergeant Ron Davis.

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geant Ron Davis.

In what might be described as a typical reaction to the murders, I expected Ralls and Davis to take care of the problem. Ralls gave me my first lesson. "This is a neighborhood problem that the neighborhood has to solve." she told me.

Davis was surprised about all the trouble on our one-block street. "We hardly ever get called here," he explained. "If no one calls us about the screams, the drugs, the gunfire, the all-night music, we can't respond."

Apathy had allowed the murders to happen. I had never called the police. I didn't even know the nonemergency phone number. I had help from the City and from OPD, but I had to take the initiative. Armed with a list of city and police phone.

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numbers, I began calling. I discovered that people at OPD and in the city government did care.

Everyone was especially sympathetic because the problems had gone on so long. In rapid succession, I met people from OPDs Beat Health Unit, its Neighborhood Services Division, and Community vices Division, and Community Policing. Suddenly the neighbor-hood was getting a lot of attention. Beat Health's Daphne Markham, Community Policing Officer Darcy

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played very special roles in the renaissance of the neighborhood.

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resource person for all the problems I threw at her; Dickerson took

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completely.

When the landlords continued to ignore me and then our Home Alert Group, we turned to Code Compliance Officer Ken Brown. Almost immediately, drug activity stopped at the largest drug house on the street. Brown presently has this same landlord tied up in court.

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ably since 1989, we are experiencing a seller's market, one where buyers exceed available inventory.

I've also talked with several realty agents and they all concur that we are in a very hot market. The other evening I saw two different news programs featuring segments about the housing boom and how a lot buyers are being left out of the market.

It seems almost the rule now that

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Buyers, buyers, buyers: a hot market

and is reasonably priced, it will receive multiple offers, which serves to drive the price tag above the asking price.

An amazing example is a home just listed in the Claremont/ Elmwood neighborhood in Berkeley. Listed at almost \$600,000, the house sold within days from coming on the market. It had eight offers, which boosted the price to approximately \$60,000 above the asking price.

This house was listed at a fair price and not undervalued. Apparently a lot of anxious buyers were willing to pay above the current market value.

Recently I showed some buyers

Recently I showed some buyers a modest house in the \$300,000 range. I showed it on a Friday, the day following the first Broker's Open House. My buyers were very

interested in the house but said they needed time to think about it plus they need to see the house again before making an offer.

In the meantime the listing agent of this house informed me that an offer was coming in on Saturday. I quickly informed my buyers but they said they couldn't be rushed.

Well, needless to say, my buyers were left in the wind as the house sold on Saturday. The public never got a chance to see this house as the Sunday Open House was canceled.

The moral of the story is be ready to make a fast decision and get a good agent to keep you posted of new listings. Time is definitely of the essence in this market.

In this booming market it is im-

In this booming market it is im-perative that the buyer stay level-headed and keep in mind the fol-lowing buying tips to avoid dis-

putes or litigation down the road:
• Read the Seller's Transfer Disclosure Statement (STDS) carefully.
An honest seller will disclose all material facts (defects, problems, etc. about the house and neighborhood. Such things as a death in the house or a dog barking regularly at 3 a.m. are also disclosure items. A purver must be aware that the STDS buyer must be aware that the STDS is not a warranty.

· Get a home inspection. The • Get a home inspection. The homeinspector will often find things not mentioned on the STDS. The buyer usually relies on his realty agent for a recommendation. The home inspector should be one af-filiated with a reputable trade orga-nization such as the American So-ciety of Home Inspectors. The im-portance of getting a good inspec-tor can not be overemphasized.
The buyer is generally respon-

The buyer is generally responsible for paying for the inspection report, which can cost from \$350 to over \$400 in the East Bay.

Buyers should make every effort to be present at the inspection. The three hours or so for the inspection is time well spent; the buyer will learn about the operation of the appliances and systems in the house plus will be made aware of any defects.

• In a multiple-offer situation, set a price limit. Make sure you can afford to go beyond the list price or your loan prequalification

or you'll just die if you don't get the house, then go for it! After all a house is worth exactly what a buyer is willing to pay.

Good luck to all the buyers and happy days are here again for all the sellers.

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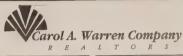
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ALBANY TOTAL SALES: PRICE: \$240,000

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KENSINGTON TOTAL SALES: 1

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rest rates started rising an Greenspan of the Fed-serve advised the Senate committee that although omy is in good shape, the markets should use cau-aid Freddie Mac Chief

Economist Robert Van Order. "Consequently not only are interest rates up this week, but we expect they will rise even more by next week, perhaps to about 7.75

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Red Oak honors 1996 top producers

Red Oak Realty recently ecognized Billy Karp, John nd Judith Rateliffe, Laurie capitelli, and Marc Guay as ss top producing agents for

Although 1996 was a Although 1996 was a particularly strong year for Red Oak and for many of its agents, owners Patrick Leaper, Bob Blumberg and Peter Campbell singled out these agents for their outstanding achievements.

"These five were in a category all their own," said Blumberg. "We couldn't pick any one as being the top producer, since they all did so well. So we are honoring all five."

Laurie Capitelli not only had the highest number of transac-tions at Red Oak, but last December won Realtor of the Year honors from the Berkeley Association of Realtors, an award given to agents who have made significant contributions made significant contributions to both the industry and commu-

to both the industry and community.

As part of his successful year, Capitelli obtained the marketing rights to University Terrace, University of California's condominium development in central Berkeley. He has been a highly successful agent with Red Oak for over 18 years.

Billy Karp has just completed his first full year at Red Oak Realty, nevertheless he man-

aged to bring in the highest dollar volume of sales of any agent in the office. "Billy's special skills, his efficiency and humor have made a great contribution to the office, and to his many clients. We're very happy to have him on our team," said Leaper.

John and Judith Ratcliffe are well known and loved by their many clients and real estate associates. This powerful husband and wife team ("Power of Two" is their motto) has been consistently a top producer at Red Oak for more than 10 years. "They are the perfect agents," Blumberg said. "Intelligent, professional, knowledgeable, aged to bring in the highest

personable. No client could ask

for anything more."
Marc Guay is a relatively recent addition to the Red Oak staff, having joined the firm four years ago. Marc, son of real estate legend Helen, is "the consummate professional," according to Campbell. "He has clear goals and knows how to focus on them—he gets the job done."

credit to their profession, to their clients and to their community. We are proud to be associated with them. We congratulate them on their outstanding achievement, and wish them every continued wish them every continued success," the owners said

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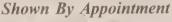
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TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 183 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

As we pulled up across the street, the late afternoon sun was strong across the front of the trim stucco house.

"Look, there's Nina sitting in the sun on her porch," Anet said. "She looks happy."

"Hi," Nina called to us, "We're just taking a little break. "

The house had become Nina and Steven's just that morning. They'd hurried over from their apartment the minute we let them know it was truly theirs.

Their long-anticipated task that first day was to remove the carpeting and reveal the wood floors underneath.

Moving in: a celebration

out, hurrying up the steps. I don't think we even said hello.
"Wow!" we shouted

think we even said hello.

"Wow!" we shouted when we got inside. "Wow! They look great, just fabulous!"

"Yeah, no stains or anything," came a voice from another room. It was Steven, busy in the bedroom removing carpeting tack strips. "We really lucked out."

"There is this one patched spot where there must have been a short wall," Nina said, showing us. "But it's fine. Now come," she urged, "and see the bedroom floor."

We moved together to the larger bedroom, leaned down to run our hands across the smooth oak, exclaiming again and again over their perfection.

Little tufts of padding marked

Little tufts of padding marked the remaining staples on the edges of the floor and we talked for a minute about how best to remove

Steven had been using pliers to pull them out but thought a tiny pry bar would be worth a try, an

item he was hoping to find in the hardware store. "When are you moving?" we

"Day after tomorrow," said Nina. "We'll finish the floors first and put down shelf paper in the kitchen..." Quickly she added, "Want some champagne? We

Macedonian tradition to bring bread and salt when you visit a home for the first

bought a bottle so we can cel-

time.

bought a bottle so we can celebrate with you."

Nina poured the champagne into crystal wedding gift glasses and we toasted one another and the house. We then stood and sipped in the empty kitchen admiring the old linoleum floor. It is still excellent and shiny, a beige marbelized pattern with red-in-laid trim.

The stainless steel double ovens and matching electric cooktop

ne stainless steel double ov-ens and matching electric cooktop, were probably installed in the 1950s but they look brand new. The copper hood light and fan work perfectly.

Blender-type buttons on a silvery panel control the burners; a

The kitchen is a classic but is not for everyone. I remember when Steven and Nina first saw it. "I love this kitchen," Steven said.

She was surprised when we said no that probably some buyers had rejected the house because of the kitchen.

"Really?" she persisted. "It's so wonderful."

We all laughed when Steven said,"Come on, Nina, you know that any kitchen we think is great other people would find werd."

We all laughed. Then they made

Looking out now at the back-yard, I asked how they planned to get rid of the lava rock, quite a lot

"Someone must want it," Nina pointed out. "It's still being made and sold."

Which wallpaper is going?

"All of it," said Nina. "My parents are coming up next weekend to help us. My dad is good at

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taking off wallpaper.

We looked again at the frilly-We looked again at the mind-looking, yellow-flowered kitchen paper, the only discordant note in the room, then wandered to the bedrooms to consider the wallpa-

"Look at how many layers there are," Steven told us. "It looks like four or five."

four or five."

"Once I solved that same problem," I told him, "by removing all the loose paper, then rolling on a layer of sheetrock mud before painting. It worked."

We talked for a while then about caulking the bathtub and shower stall, also about rain gutters, fireplace fires, housewarming parties

and planting new trees—all man-ner of home stuff.

We were all quite happy, glad to be together; pleased with our-selves for what we had done to come to this day.

Anet said we'd brought house-christening presents. It's a Macedonian tradition to bring bread and salt when you visit a home for the first time. Before she could go any further, there was a little flurry of conversation about Anet's heritage.

Anet's heritage.
Yes, both parents are
Macedonian. She grew up dancing the dances, eating the food,
attending the orthodox church. She
heard and spoke the language,
similar to Russian or Bulgarian,
but doesn't know it well and has
little opportunity to speak it now.
Our little group grew quiet as

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Anet explained that the salt was for prosperity. It should be used freely but if any remained the next time they moved, it should go with

would never know hunger. They should eat it, of course, and if there was any left over, they should feed it to the birds.

Anet also brought a bottle of champagne, admitting that she'd added to the traditional ritual wishes for joy and effervescence.
"We have a page of the bottle of the bottl

"We have a present for you, too," Nina said. "A thank-you present." She produced a large shopping bag, took from it a cake box with "Just Desserts" printed on the outside.
"This is my more a funcite."

"This is my mom's favorite," she told us. "Blackberries-and-cream cake. They only make it in

She opened the box and removed a beautiful white swirly-iced cake. In red-frosting script the top said, "Thank You, Anet &

"Oh, you got us a cake." Anet was beaming.
"No one has ever given us a cake," I added.

We hugged them, they hugged us and we went away to eat the

We rode for a while before Anet said again, "They gave us a cake. Isn't that the nicest thing imagin-

able?"
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On the trail of the wolf

Jack London: writer, sailor, oyster thief

By Doug Hayward

Off-and-on Oaklander
John Griffith London was a
notorious and admitted thief who
boasted about his lawbreaking in
waterfront bars he frequented along
the foot of Broadway.
He was also one of America's
most widely read authors who
inspired generations of readers,
water and old.

most widely read authors who inspired generations of readers, young and old.

London grew up in Oakland and wrote many of his most outstanding books there, beginning with his first collection of short stories about life the Yukon written in 1900 when he was 24. That first work, *The Son of The Wolf*, brought him instant recognition and wealth, so much that despite his excesses, he couldn't spend it all.

spend it all.

On the anniversary of London's
21st birthday, two Londonphiles,
historian Ian Roger and retired
educator Jerry Rose, talked about
the man whose adventures and
stories captured the imaginations

stories captured the imaginations of so many.

In his youth, London got into numerous fist-fights because he had a temper, an attitude and was absolutely fearless. He was also irritatingly outspoken and self-centered, and his death at 40 brought "sighs of relief" in some quarters, both in and out of Oakland, Rose is certain

Gertain.

He was also charming, good company to men and women, liked to drink and party, and told some mighty tall-but-true stories about his adventures, Rose adds. He was, in short, "the kind you either liked a lot or hated."

Both Rose and Roger say that "proper families" didn't want their daughters keeping company with London, whom they considered a dissolute rascal.

London's beginnings were inauspicious. His unmarried mother openly hated her newborn, Roger says, his head bowed when he tells why.

why.

"He was her 'badge of shame' and she had as little as possible to do with him."

In fact, Roger says, she wouldn't even give the baby a name for the first year of his life — he was eventually named by his stepfather, Lahn London — and turned over his care to a black Oakland wet-nurse

d nanny. In the early years, London's mily moved to Oakland from San

Francisco and and they lived largely hand-to-mouth in numerous East Oakland rentals. book, *The Sea Wolf.*Oyster pirate

Surrogate mother

There was a brief time spent on an unsuccessful Livermore chicken farm when London was 8. Until then he had lived off and on in the West Oakland home of his surrogate mother, the woman who had been his wet nurse. She was Jennie Prentiss, whom he loved in a bond which continued all his life despite his birth mother's determined efforts early on to prejudice him against blacks, according to a pair of local authors.

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In their book, For Love of Jack London, His Life with Jennie Prentiss — a True Love Story, writer-historians Eugene P. Lasartemay and Mary Rudge report that London stayed with the Prentiss family and attended elementary school with their daughter. He had countless fights with schoolmates who taunted him and, to avoid the endless harassment on his way home from school, walked well beyond Jennie's house, then circled back. London later provided a substantial

Jennie's house, then circled back. London later provided a substantial trust for a life-time income for Mrs. Prentiss which continued until her death, Roger says.

London had discovered the Oakland Public Library when he was still a youngster and it was a little wooden building adjacent to City Hall. He spent a great deal of time there throughout his Oakland years, and often recalled that period fondly. He idolized Oakland's poetlibrarian, Ina Donna Coolbrith, and was still crediting her 20 years later as the most influential woman in his life.

life.

The library may also have served as a rare, safe haven. When he was 10, London was compelled to drop out of school and work at any menial job he could find to help support his other family. At 15, he worked in an Oakland cannery, recalling in later life that, "Thave worked in that hellhole for thirty-six straight hours, at a machine, and I was only a child ... I knew no horse in the City of Oakland that worked the hours I worked."

By age 16 London had become

By age 16, London had become such an imbiber of alcohol that as a self-determined way to "dry out" he signed on as a crew member on a seal hunting ship which went to the Sea of Japan, an adventure later to become the foundation for his

Oyster pirate

The "admitted thief" appellation stems from a time about then when, as historian Roger tells it, resourceful Chinese immigrants had learned how to cultivate oyster "farms" on the Oakland mudflats. But there were those, such as London, who sneaked in by boat at night when the tide was right and looted the oysters. London bragged that he earned the stunning figure of as much as \$25 a night as an "oyster pirate," but he eventually abandoned that operation and went to work for the oyster bed owners as a guard to block the thefts. block the thefts

It was upon returning from the Far North after a failed attempt to strike gold with one of his sisters and her husband that London attended Oakland High, graduating

after one year.
Then after an astonishing feat of Then after an astonishing feat of night-and-day cramming for several months, he applied for and won admission to UC-Berkeley. But early in his second semester he asked for an accelerated curriculum, was turned down, and left with an "honorable dismissal," according to Boore.

"honorable dismissal," according to Roger.
Oakland High was later the alma mater of Rose, who discovered a curious deficiency in the school library when he was a senior there in 1937. There were only two books by London to be found.
Dumbfounded, Rose inquired and recalls being told sternly by a teacher that the school administrators felt it in the best interests of the students because of the writer's political leanings.
In addition to London's most well-known works, Call of The Wild published in 1903, The Sea-Wolf in 1904, and White Fang in 1906, he wrote social commentary such as The People of The Abyss in 1903, The War of The Classes in 1905, and, in 1908, The Iron Heel.

London's politics

"He was often at odds with his publisher, like Mark Twain," says Rose. "The American public expects their humorists to be funny and their adventure novelists to be exciting, and they don't like it when they get satirical and begin writing about social ills."

It is Rose's belief that Oakland's Jack London Square was so-named reluctantly and only as a last resort Jack London and his wife, Charmian, aboard their sailboat, Snark, in Apia, Samoa, ab after every other possibility had been exhausted because the city fathers of that time disliked the author's

politics.

Oakland's leaders and conservative citizens (and others elsewhere) feared him as an anarchist, Rose relates: "At that

After marrying his first wife, Bessie, with whom he had two daughters, London wrote prodigiously but went a year without earning very much at all. What little he did earn often went for gatherings at their home "far into the night with other bohemians and writers," Roger says ... so incensing Bessie that she divorced him. Just a year later he hit it big with his first book. Afterthat first book London and

The actual cause was severe uremia brought on in the South Pacific when an invisible spirochete bacterium somehow entered his body. It happened while he worked his way through dense jungle on a pilgrimage to the grave of Robert Louis Stevenson. The pathogenic microbe in this case caused the disease called yaws. Others in his party got it, too, and recovered under







Hi! It is me again, Dr. Laura VanHarn... and no, I am not going to talk about wine, but merely pointing out that even the old adage of red wine with meat and white wine with fish

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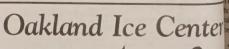


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